

WAFC POL.15E Match Operations Policy: Send Off Rule

GENERAL INFORMATION

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POLICY BACKGROUND

This document outlines the Send Off Rule that is to be applied in all Junior & Youth Football matches controlled by the WAFC. The Send Off Rule is in place in order to positively address the Game Day Environment in Junior Football

RULES

1. GENERAL	
1a	Umpires can issue Yellow and Red Cards to any player, official or spectator as deemed necessary.
2. YELLOW CARDS	
2a	An offender ordered off for a Yellow Card offence can be replaced immediately but is prohibited from taking the field for 15 minutes playing time.
2b	In the event that a Player or Official: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Is issued with two Yellow Cards on the day of the match, then the offender shall take no further part in the game and cannot be replaced for 15 minutes and receives an automatic 1-week suspension. ii. Is ordered off for a Yellow Card offence and fails to leave the field immediately when directed by the field umpire, then the offender shall be reported for misconduct and consequently be deemed to have committed a Red Card offence. iii. Is issued with three Yellow Cards over the duration of a season, then the third and every yellow card received thereafter shall be upgraded to a Red Card at the conclusion of the match, resulting in an automatic one-week suspension.
3. RED CARDS	
3a	An offender ordered off for a red card offence cannot be replaced for 15 minutes playing time. The offending player may not return to the field for the remainder of the match.
3b	The offending player will be penalised in line with the Junior Football Tribunal Guidelines.
3c	A player, club/team official or spectator who fails to leave the arena immediately when directed by the umpire shall be reported for misconduct, the match shall be terminated, and the offending person's team will forfeit the match.
3d	Any official who receives a red card (which is upheld) will also have the details of the incident entered on the WAFC Red Flag system.
3e	Once the leaving the playing arena, the participant's club should assist the person receiving the red card to remove themselves from the venue as soon as practically possible.
4. SWEARING	
4a	As per the AFL Laws of Australian Football, if a player swears during a game (and is overheard by an umpire) then a free kick, 50 metre penalty or a red/yellow card can be paid against the player as a means of positively addressing the game day environment with Junior Football.