

Blue Mountain Youth Soccer League

Disciplinary Policy

The highest standards of good sportsmanship and fair play shall be followed both on and around the field of play. The Blue Mountain Youth Soccer League (BMYSL) supports the player development goals and practices set forth in the United States Soccer Player Development Initiatives published in August of 2016.

This disciplinary policy is in effect and fully enforceable at the event site prior, during and or after any BMYSL event/game or tournament. Listed are minimum penalties. The Executive Board and or the Discipline Committee can implement more stringent sanctions.

A. Failure to control spectators

(Listed are minimum penalties. The Executive Board and or the Discipline Committee can implement more stringent sanctions)

(A) Warning From Referee – Warning notice from Discipline Committee to coach and club.

(B) Spectator Ejection - \$50 club fine

(C) Spectator Ejection & Continues Verbal Assault - \$100 club fine

(D) Spectator Ejection & Verbal Assault Beyond the Field of Play - \$200 club fine

(E) Referee Physical Assault - Field of Play/Beyond the Field of Play – Incident will be reported to the State Association and any local authorities as required. Sanctions and fines will be determined by the EXECUTIVE BOARD which may include expulsion of the team and club fines and will be in addition to any sanctions/fines levied by the state.

B. Cautions (yellow card) and Ejections of coaches, club or team officials

(Listed are minimum penalties. The Executive Board and or the Discipline Committee can implement more stringent sanctions)

CAUTIONS: Yellow Card

1st Offense – Warning from Discipline Committee to coach and club

2nd Offense - \$100 club fine

3rd Offense - \$250 club fine

EJECTIONS: Red Card

1st Offense - \$100 club fine plus 1- match suspension

2nd Offense - \$250 club fine plus 3- match suspension/season and 1- year probation after suspension is served.

3rd Offense - \$500 club fine plus 1-year suspension and 2-year probation after suspension is served.

Additional penalties for any caution or ejections may be imposed at the discretion of the Executive Board and or the Discipline Committee in connection with the offense.

C. Send Off Penalties

Except as described below, all send-offs shall be penalized in accordance with EPYSA Arbitration Board Article VI.

Statement of Philosophy: It is the intent of the following suspension penalties to promote fair play and sportsmanlike behavior on the part of all players and coaches. The purpose of the BMYSL is to provide competitive soccer for players of all ages and to promote fair play at all levels. The league sincerely hopes that no player or coach will ever be sent off in accordance with Law XII in the *FIFA Laws of the Game*. However, in the event of a send-off, the following penalties will be enforced with the sincere wish that players and coaches who face the suspensions will consider their behavior and change their actions in future matches.

- A. A player or team official ordered from the field of play or the sidelines.
 - 1. The referee may order said individual to leave the immediate area of the field so that the game may be resumed with as little interference or disruption as possible.
 - 2. The referee's game report shall immediately initiate action against the ejected individual.
- B. A player, while under suspension, shall not be released by his club until the completion of the team's playing season or the end of the seasonal year.
- C. A team official, while under suspension, shall not change his team and/or club affiliation.
- D. All periods of suspension shall run continuously.
 - 1. Game suspensions in order to be valid must be served during regulation length games.
 - 2. Game suspensions in effect at the end of one playing season or registration year shall remain in effect even into the following playing season or registration year until the full period of suspension has been satisfied.
 - 3. Suspensions as the result of offenses committed during the final game of a playing season or registration year shall carry forward into the next year.
 - 4. Game suspensions received as a result of misconduct in a league game or as a result of infraction of league rules must be served in the league in which the suspension was applied or any league affiliated with BMYSL
 - 5. A player or team official who receives a suspension for an extended period of time (i.e. a period of months or years) shall be suspended from all soccer activity during the term of the suspension.

D. Game Penalties

All penalties shall be in accordance with EPYSA Arbitration Board Article VII. All players and team officials shall be subject to the minimum penalties described below. Additional disciplinary actions above and beyond USSF, EPYSA, or BMYSL guidelines may be assessed by the Executive Board or by the discipline committee.

A. Use of an Ineligible Player or Coach

1. A club which, without sanction, fields a player or coach who is found to be ineligible because of improper or non-registration, shall suffer forfeiture of all games in which said player or coach participated.
2. In addition, a minimum fine of \$50 per ineligible player or coach per game, in which the player(s) or coach(es) participated, shall be levied by the BMYSL against the offending club.
3. Any team or club official who knowingly permits the use of an ineligible player may be subject to additional penalty as determined by the Executive Board and or Discipline Committee.
4. If a team is found to be using a player who is not on the state approved stamped roster for that team, the league game will be forfeited and the ineligible player fee will be assessed accordingly.

E. Players (i.e. Red Card) or Coaches (i.e. Ejected) Sent from the Field of Play

Note: It is the sincere hope of the BMYSL that the highest standards of Sportsmanship and fair play are demonstrated in all BMYSL games. Understanding that this may not always occur, it is the feeling of the BMYSL that a significant penalty shall apply to players who are guilty of misconduct. The intention of the following penalties is to deter misconduct and the hope is that our coaches and players will conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen on and off the field. Finally, all penalties are the minimum for each offense. Pending review by the board, further penalties may be applied for offenses considered to be "very serious."

A Player Sent from the field for any reason.

1. When a player receives one (1) red card that player will sit out the remainder of that game as well as the next regular scheduled game.
2. When a player receives two (2) red cards that player will sit out the remainder of the game for which they received the second red card as well as the next two regular games.
3. When a player receives three (3) red cards during a season, that player will sit out the remainder of the playing year and be brought before the executive board for review for before participating in subsequent seasons.

Note if said season has fewer than 1 game remaining, the suspension will carry over to the next season and or the Garcia Cup

B. Persistent Misconduct

A player, who in a given season accumulates 5 individual cautions (yellow cards), shall be suspended for 1 game. A second accumulation of 3 cautions (total of 8) within the same season shall result in an additional suspension of two games.

1. Further misconduct on the part of the individual shall be sufficient cause for the Executive Board and or Discipline Committee to consider additional penalties.

C. Refusal to Play

A team or club which refuses to play a scheduled league game shall forfeit said game and be held liable for the payment of the Game

D. Abandonment of Games

1. A game in progress shall not, under any circumstances, be terminated without the approval of the referee.
2. Should a team abandon a match without said approval, the team:
 - Shall forfeit the game.
 - Shall be liable for payment of game forfeiture fee as established in BMYSL Fine Schedule.
 - Shall be liable for additional penalty pending investigation by the BMYSL Discipline Committee.

E. Player Transfers

An individual, who intentionally submits false or misleading information related to his/her past player record or club affiliation in order to register as a player, or effect a player transfer, shall be suspended for four games.

1. A club, which intentionally submits false or inaccurate information, to affect a player registration or transfer or to prevent an otherwise legitimate player transfer shall be subject to a fine of \$50.
2. A club, which "recruits" or attempts to recruit a player from another club to change affiliation shall be subject to a fine of \$50 and be placed on probation for 1 year.

F. Detrimental to the Good of the League

Any action or behavior by players, coaches, or spectators that is determined to be detrimental to the league will be subject to fines and penalties as determined by the DC and or EB.

G. Payment Responsibility

The club is responsible for the payment of all fees and fines generated by the club, its teams, coaching staff, players and spectators. Failure to pay will put the club in bad standings with the league and, subsequently, EPYSA.

Clubs in bad standing will be unable to register teams in the upcoming league season until placed back in good standing