

YSA Soccer Disciplinary Guidelines

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1. On disciplinary actions, all YSA soccer practices and soccer scrimmages/matches shall follow the FIFA Laws of the Game in principle, with amendments made by the YSA Board solely on its discretion. A copy of the current FIFA Laws of the Game can be downloaded from FIFA's web site:
(http://www.fifa.com/mm/document/footballdevelopment/refereeing/02/36/01/11/27_06_2014_new--lawsofthegameweben_neutral.pdf)
2. A player who receives a Red Card (send-off offence) must leave the vicinity of the field of play immediately, and serve a one game suspension, i.e., be forbidden from participating the next practice/match.
3. A player who receives a second Red Card in the same season must serve a 3-game suspension.
4. A player who receives a third Red Card in the same season will be suspended for the rest of the season plus the first 4 games of the next season.
5. Player suspension shall be enforced by the Team Coach, and assisted by the Team Manager.
6. A foul¹ must be called by one of the following individuals who is actively involved in the play on the field, and has witnessed the infringement:
 - a. The Referee
 - b. The Assistant Referee
 - c. Team Coach
 - d. Team Assistant Coach
7. A misconduct² must be called by one of the following individuals who has witnessed the infringement:
 - a. The Referee
 - b. The Assistant Referee
 - c. Team Coach
 - d. Team Assistant Coach
 - e. Team Manager

8. Foul and misconduct occurred during practice shall be treated as if they were occurred during a formal match or an informal scrimmage.
9. A Field Marshall (FM) or Field Coordinator (FC) is to be appointed by the YSA Board for each field (McMean's, Beckendorff, and Seven Lakes). FM/FC shall be called to handle any send-off offence by the Team Coach or the Team Manager. The sent-off player(s) shall be escorted to the parking lot by the FM/FC. The FM/FC shall email the official report of the incident to the YSA Board (soccer.kysa@gmail.com) within 24 hours of the incident.
10. An appeal from the sanctioned player or his/her representative must be emailed to the YSA Board (soccer.kysa@gmail.com) within 48 hours of the incident to be considered by the Board for possible reduced sanction. The YSA Board shall render a decision within 72 hours from the time when the written appeal is received in email.
11. These disciplinary actions also apply to anyone in the vicinity of the field of play, including but not limited to coaches, team managers, parents, and spectators.
12. The discipline actions are suggested to be less stringent to younger players (under 7 years old) due to their age and playful nature. However, final interpretations of the rules will come from the YSA board.

Notes:

1: A foul is an offence occurred during a match. It can only be committed by an active player when the ball is in play.

2: A misconduct is an offence occurred when:

- a. The ball is out of bounds or play is stopped by the referee during a match or stopped by a coach during an informal scrimmage. The infringement can be committed by a player on the field, or by a substitute on the bench, either against an opponent or against his/her own teammate or the referee or the coach or a spectator.
- b. The ball is in play, a player commits the infringement against his/her own teammate or the referee or the coach or a spectator.

The difference between foul and misconduct is the method to restart the game. There is no difference in penalty and sanction.

Player Foul and Misconduct Definition:

1. Kicks or attempts to kick an opponent
2. Trips or attempts to trip an opponent
3. Jumps at an opponent
4. Charges an opponent

5. Strikes or attempts to strike an opponent
6. Pushes an opponent
7. Tackles an opponent
8. Spits at an opponent
9. Verbally threatens an opponent

Cautionable Offences (Yellow Card):

1. Unsporting behavior (players and substitutes)
2. Dissents by word or action (players and substitutes)
3. Persistent infringement of the Laws of the Game (players)

Sending-off Offences (Red Card):

1. Serious foul play
2. Violent conduct
3. Spits at an opponent or any other person
4. Uses offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures
5. Receives a second caution in the same match