

RED CARD RULE VIOLATIONS AND SANCTIONING GUIDELINES FOR PLAYER/TEAM MISCONDUCT

The purpose of this document is to clarify the Red Card Rule Violations and to provide awareness to club managers in order for them to properly manage their respective players.

Rule 1. ONE-GAME SUSPENSION - \$30 FINE

- Commits serious foul play, but not violent
- Denies the opposing team a goal or obvious goal-scoring opportunity by handling the ball or other offense punishable by a free kick or penalty kick.
- Uses non-directed offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures.
- Receives a second caution (two yellow cards) within the same game

Rule 2. ONE-GAME MINIMUM SUSPENSION - \$50 FINE

- Commits violent conduct (for fighting, see Rule 3 Sanctions).
- Uses offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures directed at opponents, teammates or spectators (if toward referees; see Rule 3 Sanctions).
- Team fields an illegal * player regardless of the team's knowledge. Includes 1 year team probation**.
- Number of games suspension may be increased as deemed appropriate by the SCFA

Rule 3. THREE-GAME MINIMUM SUSPENSION - (UP TO A LIFETIME BAN) PLUS MANDATORY MONETARY FINE

- Any fighting incident. Suspension plus \$100 fine.
- Uses offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures directed at the referee, assistant referee. This includes any perceived intimidation towards the referee. Suspension plus \$100 fine.
- Spits at an opponent, teammate, referee or any other person. Suspension plus \$100 fine.
- Any referee physical contact or assault. Suspension for rest of current season (minimum) plus \$200 fine.
- Any player found urinating at the field location will be suspended for the rest of the season plus \$200 team fine.

SEASON SUSPENSION – MULTIPLE RED CARDS OCCURRING IN THE SAME SEASON

- Two (2) red cards during any season will result in that player being suspended for the rest of the current season**.
 - Four (4) red cards accumulated by any team, during any season, will result in an automatic 3-point deduction, \$100 team fine, and 1 year team probation**.
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TEAM PROBATION

- Any team going on probation will have two (2) weeks to deposit sufficient funds to the league in order to increase their *Team Membership Bond* to \$500. Once a club is off probation, their bond will be reduced and a refund will be issued to the club manager.
- Failure to deposit funds within two (2) weeks will cause that team to go into “default”. Any teams on “default” will be placed on administrative leave not allowed to compete until their status is rectified to the satisfaction of SCFA.

**A player is considered “illegal” if they are not qualified to play due to their age (i.e., underage, or not meeting the proper age requirement for their league), or is currently under suspension for a previous RED card booking, or misleading a game official by using another player’s identity, or is missing their identification upon request, or, if they are a new player, not having a signed waiver form and ID.*

***Teams going on probation will be required to increase their Team Membership Bond to \$500 while on probation. All Team fines are “double” for any team currently on probation.*
