

Adult Soccer League – Red Card & Discipline Policy

Purpose

This policy establishes consistent procedures for handling player ejections (red cards) and determining any further disciplinary consequences. The goal is to maintain safety, fairness, sportsmanship, and enjoyment throughout the league. This policy also outlines the League Disciplinary Committee functions and purposes.

1. Immediate Consequences of a Red Card

- **Automatic Removal:** Any player shown a red card must immediately leave the field of play, and facility, and remain away from the sidelines, and facility, for the rest of the match.
 - **Team Impact:** The player's team must play with one fewer player for the remainder of the match.
 - **Minimum Suspension:** All red cards result in an **automatic one-game suspension** (the next scheduled league match).
 - **Additional sanctions:** Additional sanctions may be applied based upon the severity of the offense(s) R.A.P (Referee Abuse Policy).
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2. Review Process

- **Initial Review:** All red cards are reviewed by the League Disciplinary Committee (LDC) within 72 hours of the incident.
 - **Information Collected:** The referee report, witness statements, and (if available) video evidence will be considered.
 - **Player Input:** The ejected player may submit a written statement within 48 hours of the match or 48 hours if appealing additional sanctions.
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3. League Disciplinary Committee

- **Ejection Review:** The committee will review each instance of red card (ejections)

- **Members of committee:** The members of the committee shall consist of the Adult League Manager(s), Director of Soccer Operations with the committee resting at no more than 5 members.

4. Appeals

- Players may submit a written appeal within 48 hours of notification of additional sanctions.
 - Appeals will be reviewed by the LDC, and the decision will be final.
 - Examples but not limited to: If a player receives a straight red card (ejection) for use of impressive language but the player has evidence that language was not used (or it was misheard).
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5. Accumulated Red Cards

- Any player receiving **two red cards in a season** may face a minimum three-game suspension, subject to LDC review.
 - A **third red card in a season** may result in removal from the league for the remainder of the season.
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6. Non-Player Conduct

Coaches, managers, or spectators affiliated with a team who are ejected are subject to the same review process and possible sanctions, including match bans or removal from the league.

7. Enforcement

All sanctions will be communicated in writing to the player and their team manager. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of matches and potential team sanctions.