

Rules, Investigation & Disciplinary (RID)

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Overview

The Rules, Investigation & Disciplinary (RID) committee is designed to set rules, investigate infractions and if necessary take the appropriate action to correct issues.

Most issues are covered in this document with penalties and process for standard infractions. For any issues not covered here the RID committee will address, document and resolve it in a timely manner.

All members of SCP could appeal a decision of the RID committee if they feel they were unjustly sanctioned for an infraction.

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Process Summary

- The RID committee has a Chairman appointed by the President
- The Chairman can select multiple members assigned to handle different infractions (i.e. Red Cards, fighting, illegal players, protest, etc.)
- The Chairman has the option to temporarily suspend members during the process based on the allegation
- Resolutions for all issues are attempted to be resolved within five days
- Investigation:
 - Collects all pertinent information (emails, reports, etc.)
 - Talks with involved parties to discuss the allegation / infraction (if needed)
- Resolution:
 - All involved parties will be notified of the decision in writing

- If a “committee hearing” is needed the Chairman will schedule a face to face meeting with all parties
 - All parties will be able to present their opinion
 - The hearing committee will issue a ruling on the infraction / allegation and any penalty that will be applied in writing
- All rulings can be appealed to the League Directors

Red Cards

- Red cards will be evaluated based on the USSF Referee report, the Game report and if necessary a discussion with all parties
- Suspension
 - 2nd Yellow Card (in the same game) = One Game
 - Dangerous Play = Two Games
 - Abusive Language = Two Games
 - Violent Conduct = Three Games *
 - Fighting = Four Games
 - Kicking a Player with Intent to Injure = Six Games
 - Being Third Party = Six Games
 - Referee Abuse = Six Games *
 - NOTE: Violent Conduct & Referee Abuse *by USASA / US Club Soccer law* must be turned over for adjudication to USASA / US Club Soccer
- Fine
 - 2nd Yellow Card = \$0
 - Dangerous Play = \$25
 - Abusive Language = \$50
 - Violent Conduct = \$50
 - Fighting = \$75
 - Kicking a Player = \$100
 - Being Third Party = \$100
 - Referee Abuse = \$100
 - NOTE: All fines are increased by 50% for the second offense and are doubled for the third and there after
- Players receiving more than 3 red cards in a season will be expelled from further play in the SCP for the remainder of the season and will be reported to USASA / US Club Soccer
- Game suspensions carry over to the next season
- Player ID Cards will not be returned until fines have been paid and player has served the full term of suspension.

Illegal players

- An illegal player is any player that falls under the following:
 - Playing without a current SoCal Premier Player Registration
 - Playing under another player's Identity
 - Playing while suspended
 - Playing under falsified personal information (name, bday, etc)
 - Playing on more than one SCP team

- Discipline
 - Forfeiture of that game
 - Player suspended for one game
- Second offence: Coach/Manager/Owner
 - \$100 fine
 - Loss of 6 points
- Second offence: Player
 - \$100 fine
 - 3 game suspension

Referee Assault

- Hitting, spitting, grabbing or physically attacking a Referee in any way is an automatic life suspension for the player

Score Reporting & Game/Player Stats*

- A “warning” will be issued for failure to report a game result
- Second occurrence the team will be fined \$25
- Third (and thereafter) the game will be forfeited
- *Game Stats required:
 - Score of game
 - Goals scored by
 - Assists by
 - GK Saves
 - Yellow Cards
 - Red Cards

Payment

- All fees / dues / bonds must be paid two weeks prior to the start of the season
- If payment is not received the first game is forfeited
- Late payment penalty: \$50

Team Information

- The Team Page on the website must be completed two weeks prior to the start of the season
 - Must have the minimum...
 - Coach Name, Phone, Email
 - Manager Name, Phone, Email
 - Home / Away uniform colors
 - Team Logo
- If the page is not correct the first game will be a forfeit

Appeal Process

- Any decision of the RID can be appealed to the League Directors (LD)
- Process:
 - Send a letter to the President stating the reason for the appeal and all the evidence
 - president@socalpremier.org
 - Subject line should read "SCP APPEAL"
 - There is a \$100 bond required for the process (this needs to accompany the request)
 - If the LD overrules the decision of the RID the bond will be refunded
 - If the LD rules with the RID the bond is forfeited
 - The President (or appointee) will set a hearing date
 - At the hearing all parties will present their opinion
 - The LD hearing committee will issue a ruling on the infraction / allegation and any penalty that will be applied in writing
- Depending on the infraction you might have the ability to appeal the decision to the leagues sanctioning body (USASA / US Club Soccer, etc.). It is your responsibility to take this action