



## Guidelines for Players and Coaches Arbitration

Penalties and Fines for Misconduct at a Game (Players and Adult Supervisors).

The specified penalties are minimum penalties, and may be increased at the discretion of the Arbitration Committee for infractions considered very serious. Additional penalties may be instituted at the discretion of the Arbitration Committee

### a) Ejections for Violent Conduct

Fighting with an opponent, colleague or spectator (engaging in extended combat by means of the mutual exchange of blows delivered by hand, head, foot, or other portion of the body).

	Under 14	Over 14
1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	2 games	4 games
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	4 games min.	8 games

Fighting with a referee or assistant referee, (engaging in extended combat by means of the mutual exchange of blows delivered by hand, head, foot, or other portion of the body), is considered an Assault upon the official and will be administered by the State Association.

Kicking or striking, or attempting to kick or strike, an opponent, colleague or spectator.

	Under 14	Over 14
1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	1 game	2 games
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	4 games min.	8 games min.

Kicking or striking, or attempting to kick or strike, a Referee or an Assistant Referee is considered upon Assault on the official and will be administered by the State Association.

Throwing object (soccer ball, snow or ice ball, stone, rock, dirt, mud, sand, etc.) at an opponent, colleague, or spectator.

	Under 14	Over 14
1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	1 game	2 games
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	2 game min.	4 games min.

Throwing object (soccer ball, snow or ice ball, stone, rock, dirt, mud, sand, etc.) at a Referee or Assistant Referee is considered upon Assault on the official and will be administered by the State Association.

Spitting at or on an opponent, colleague, or spectator.

	Under 14	Over 14
1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	1 game	2 games
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	2 games min.	4 games min.

Spitting at or on a Referee or Assistant Referee is considered an Assault upon the official and will be administered by the State Association.

Verbal threat of bodily harm or property damage directed at an opponent, colleague, or spectator.

	Under 14	Over 14
1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	1 game	2 games
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	2 game min	4 games

Verbal threat of bodily harm or property damage directed at a referee or Assistant Referee is considered an Assault upon the official and will be administered by the State Association.

Gesturing or signaling obscenely at an opponent, colleague, or spectator

	Under 14	Over 14
1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	1 game	2 games
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	2 games min.	4 games min.

b. Ejections For Serious Foul Play Serious Foul Play is play characterized by fouls (as defined by Law XII of the Laws of the Game) of an aggravated nature and committed with such fervor as to threaten an opponent with serious physical harm.

	Under 14	Over 14
1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	2 games min.	2 games min.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	4 games min.	4 games min.

c. Ejections for Abusive Language

Directed at an opponent, colleague, or spectator.

	Under 14	Over 14
1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	1 game	2 games
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	2 games min.	4 games min.

Directed at a Referee or Assistant Referee

	Under 14	Over 14
1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	2 games	4 games
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	4 games min.	8 games min.

d. Ejections for Persistent Misconduct or Dissent.

	Under 14	Over 14
1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	1 game	1 game
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	2 game min.	2 game min.

Dissent after having received a caution.

	Under 14	Over 14
1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	1 game	1 game
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	2 games min.	2 games min.

Accumulation of Cautions. A player or an Adult Supervisor who, in a given seasonal year, accumulates three individual cautions shall be suspended for one game – under 14 or 2 games – over 14, namely the next scheduled game or games.

The second accumulation of three individual cautions within the same seasonal year shall result in an additional suspension equivalent to 2 games –under 14 or 4 games over 14.

Further misconduct on the part of the individual during the same seasonal year shall be sufficient cause for the Arbitration Committee to consider additional penalties of increased severity, in each case, action against the individual is automatically initiated by the referee's game report.

Any red card/suspension not served in the present season will be carried over to the following season.

Fines For Misconduct At A Game In addition to any penalty set forth (as above), the following fines will also be levied against any Adult Supervisor, or team official as specified below or as determined by the Arbitration Committee.

Ejections (Red Cards) An Adult Supervisor who is ejected from a match during the seasonal year will be subject to the following fines under Rule 5, Part 17, Section d-3.

First Offense	Fifty Dollars (\$50)
Second Offense	One Hundred Dollars (\$100)
Third Offense	One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150)

Bad Scenes. For what are known as “bad scenes” by players, team officials, a club or team will be fined beginning at One Hundred Dollars (\$100) and increasing in increments of One Hundred Dollars (\$100). These fines are not be levied in the instance of individual players being carded in the usual scene understood to occur during a soccer game, but gather for such incidents as team fights; assaulting a referee in any manner; or physically attacking players or team officials. These fines may be simultaneously administered with fines for club and team personnel.

For conduct by team supporters or spectators, beginning with Fifty Dollars (\$50) and increasing in increments of Fifty Dollars (\$50), a club or team may be fined for inadequate protection afforded to referee, assistant referee, or an opposing team member before, during, or after a game, resulting from behavior of team supporters or spectators.

For an ineligible player: Beginning with Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) and increasing in increments of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), a club or team may be fined for knowingly, or through negligence, fielding a team with an ineligible player or players. If a club or team official knowingly allows an ineligible player to play will be suspended for one full year on the first offense and lifetime for subsequent offenses.

Repeated negative behavior after a fine is administered may result n the suspension of a player, and/or club or team personnel, and/or the entire club or team.