

2008 MINIMUM GAME SUSPENSIONS FOR EJECTIONS

Players reported by referee for discipline but red card not given, can still be suspended

Two Yellows or Red Card for NON DELIBERATE-VIOLENT FOULS – examples: - 1 GAME:

Swearing at opponent / Spitting at but not on / Tackle clearly playing the ball with no intent to foul opponent / Non-swearing dissent to official / Attempting a punch, no contact made / Playing the ball, elbows opponent /

Yellows given for any of the violent or improper conducts below, suspension may be given as red card.

Leagues have to monitor yellow cards; players must serve a 2 GAME suspension when they reach a total of six (6) yellow cards. This does not include players receiving two (2) yellows in a game – that counts as a red card.

- *For each additional 2 yellows received in a calendar year after the six yellow two game suspension is served – player must sit out an additional MINIMUM 2 GAMES.*
- *Players who receive a second red card in a calendar year, (includes two yellow ejections) will have an additional 1 or 2 game minimum suspension added onto his second ejection suspension.*

Players must be made aware by their TEAM & LEAGUE that violent conduct towards opponents; verbal abuse, harassment, threatening actions on and off the field towards match officials shall not be tolerated and shall be severely disciplined.

Leagues MUST hold their teams, players and managers responsible for their behavior.

If referee makes an error and gives a yellow card for any of the red card language or violent conduct incidents listed below, player will be suspended as below.

VIOLENT CONDUCT - More violent actions will receive longer game suspensions

Any violent conduct with no intent to play the ball / – **some examples:** - / Foul with intent to injure / Tackle with studs up and contact made / High kicking, contact made / – **2 GAMES**

Punching, Head butting, Spitting on a player / – **3 Games**

Deliberate violent conduct draws blood, suspension increased by / – **1 or 2 GAMES**

Player on field enters an incident between two players and attacks opponent / – **4 GAMES**

Player leaves the bench to enter into a discipline incident on the field / – **6 GAMES**

Opponent retaliates to any of above / – **1 or 2 GAMES decrease from above suspensions**

MATCH OFFICIAL ABUSE (USSF description of abuse & Minimum Suspension) – 3 GAMES

- Official abuse is a verbal statement or physical act not resulting in bodily contact which implies or threatens physical harm to an official or the official's property or equipment.
- Abuse includes, but is not limited to the following acts committed upon an official; Using foul or abusive language towards an official that implies or threatens physical harm; spewing any beverage on an officials personal property; or spitting at (but not on) the official.

After red card ejection - ADDITIONAL GAMES suspension for each occurrence below shall have accumulative game suspensions added onto the original reason for players discipline ejection from the game.

- Arguing and Refusing to immediately leave the field or bench area / – **1 GAME**
- Threatening officials / Swearing or insulting game officials/ – **2 GAMES**

GAME OFFICIAL ASSAULT (USSF description of referee assault)

Game official assault is an intentional act of physical violence at or upon an official. For purposes of this policy, "intentional act" shall mean an act intended to bring about a result which will invade the interest of another in a way that is socially unacceptable. Unintended consequences of the act are irrelevant.

- Assault includes, but is not limited to the following acts committed upon an official: hitting; kicking, punching, choking, spitting on, grabbing or bodily running into an official; head butting; the act of kicking or throwing any object at an official that could inflict injury; damaging the officials uniform or personal property, i.e. car, equipment, etc.

The Person committing the match official assault must be suspended as follows:

- For a minor or slight touching of the referee or the referee's uniform or personal property, at least **3 MONTHS SUSPENSION** from the time of the assault.
- For any other assault, at least **6 MONTHS** from the time of the assault.
- For an assaults committed by an adult and the official is 17 years of age or younger, at least **3 YEARS**; or
- For an assault when serious injuries are inflicted, at least **FIVE (5) YEARS**.
- An Organization Member adjudicating the matter may not provide a shorter period of suspension, however, if circumstances warrant, may provide a longer period of suspension.

Red carded player passes for match official assault, should be mailed **by the match official** to the CSSA Discipline Chairman, who will hold the pass until the player receives a discipline hearing.

- Player will receive a hearing with the State Discipline Committee within thirty (30) days of receipt of verification of the abuse or assault. If player elects not to attend the hearing, the Discipline Committee will rule on the reported assault using the game officials report and verbal communication with the officials.

Game official should mail red carded player passes to the **Leagues Designated Discipline Representative** and (***not the Discipline Chairman***). League Representative must hold pass until they receive notification by **e-mail** of player's suspension from the CSSA Discipline Chairman. Leagues are responsible that players serve their **FULL SUSPENSION**, even if they do not receive player pass from game official.

- Players shall officially serve suspension in the league where **red card was received**. Only official league or state cup scheduled games played count towards suspension. Postponed, cancelled or forfeited games and friendly tournaments **do not count**.

Player CANNOT PLAY in another league he is registered with while under CSSA suspension. Player CAN ONLY PLAY IN ANOTHER LEAGUE **after he has completed the full game suspension** in the league the red card was given. CSSA game suspensions are from ALL soccer in all leagues.

- If a player is found to have played while under suspension, **an additional minimum six (6) months suspension** will be given the player, banning him from **all soccer activities, including coaching or refereeing**. He may also be fined by the CSSA, and if fined, player cannot play until the fine is received by the CSSA. All CSSA Leagues, CJSA and CSRP will be notified of the player's suspension from ALL SOCCER ACTIVITIES.

REMINDER – The above suspensions are MINIMUMS