

WSYSA District II
2009 Summary of Disciplinary Procedures

WSYSA sets the rules which govern misconducts and the disciplinary procedures related to them. These rules can be reviewed by going to the WSYSA web site (www.wsysa.com) . Like many rules though, the “practical” impact of the rules is sometimes a bit difficult to decipher. This document is an attempt to net out those rules as they will be implemented by WSYSA District II during the 2009 Fall season. If you have any questions, please send a note to Andrew Boyd (discipchair@wsysad2.org) to get an official answer – do NOT rely on other coaches, some soccer forum somewhere, or word of mouth.

If a player receives a Red Card (Send Off):

- 1) That player MUST miss their next match. If they get a red card on Saturday and are scheduled to play on Sunday, they must miss that Sunday match.
- 2) It is not required that the player attend a Disciplinary hearing. A one game suspension is automatic unless:
 - a. You are contacted by the Disciplinary Committee and advised *in writing* that a greater suspension may apply;
 - b. You are contacted by the Disciplinary Committee and advised *in writing* that the Send Off has been cancelled.
- 3) If you wish to contest a suspension, you must submit a written request for a hearing. That request must be submitted using the appropriate form. A hearing will then be scheduled. There are no “standing meetings” for which you may just “show up” without an appointment.
- 4) You must provide proof that the player has sat out any required game(s) by providing written notice to WSYSA District II, *signed by the referee*, that the player was present and did not participate in the game.
- 5) The player is ineligible to play until the Disciplinary Committee receives the notice signed by the referee. If a player that is ineligible does participate, District II policy is that (a) your team forfeits that game, (b) the player may receive ADDITIONAL suspension time, and (c) the coach may face suspension as well.

Penalties for being Sent Off:

Misconduct	MINIMUM Penalty
Serious Foul Play: Examples include, but are not necessarily limited to: when a player, in a violent or dangerous manner intentionally holds, trips, pushes, charges or tackles an opponent from behind.	1 match
Violent Conduct: Examples include but are not necessarily limited to: striking or attempting to strike another player, team official or spectator, or unlawfully entering the field of play during an altercation.	2 matches (3 if conduct is directed towards an official)

Spitting at another person	2 matches (3 if spitting at an official)
Denying a goal by handling the ball	1 match
Denying an obvious goal score opportunity by unlawful means	1 match
Foul or abusive language or gestures: Examples include, but are not necessarily limited to: Foul or abusive language said loud enough for the game official to hear, but not directed at a specific individual. Includes, racial, sexual, religious or ethnic slurs	1 match (not directed at another) 2 matches (directed at a player) 3 matches (directed at a referee)
Send Off for Second Cautionable Offense during a match	1 match

Requesting a Hearing:

If you wish to request a hearing, you may do so by sending an appropriately completed form by:

- e-mail to: discipchair@wsysad2.org (preferred)
- fax to: 206 569-3073
- mail to: WSYSA District II
PO Box 611
Bellevue, WA 98009

Hearings will usually be held on Thursday evenings some time between 7pm and 9pm, generally at the Lake Washington School District Resource Center. After you have requested a hearing, The Committee Chair will give you the exact time and place of the hearing. On days when multiple hearing are occurring, the Chair will also give you an estimate as to when you can expect your hearing to commence. Please be present 10 minutes or so before your scheduled hearing time. If you submit a request by e-mail or fax and you do not receive a notice of your hearing time within 48 hours after submitting your request, please place a call to 425 443 8622. When you contest a Send Off, you must be prepared to explain how the referee misapplied the laws of the game. The fact that you disagree with the referee's judgment is not grounds to overturn a misconduct.

Note: This is a hearing for the person who was sent off. If a player, the player **MUST** be present. A coach or parent cannot attend to "represent the player".

Team Record Keeping:

1) The coach is responsible to keep track of the Cautions (yellow cards) and Send Offs (red cards) that their players or team officials receive during the course of a season. If, at any time, the coach would like a copy of District II records to assist them in doing this, they may request a copy of the District II's records for their team by making a written request to discipchair@wsysad2.org

- 2) If a player receives a single caution in each of three different matches during the Fall season, that player is ineligible to compete in their next scheduled season match and must provide proof to the committee that they have sat out the match before they are eligible to play again. These cautions do not count towards tournament play (President's Cup). For each additional

caution received during Fall season play, the player must serve a one game suspension during Fall season play.

- 3) If a player receives a single caution in each of three different matches during President's Cup play, that player is ineligible to compete in their next scheduled President's Cup match and must provide proof to the committee that they have sat out the match before they are eligible to play again. These cautions do not count towards Fall season play. For each additional caution received during the President's Cup, the player must serve a one game suspension during President's Cup play.
- 4) If a player is required to serve a suspension for a Send Off received during Fall Season play, that suspension must be served during Fall season matches, except if there are not enough games remaining for this team during the Fall season, the suspension must be served during the next WSYSA event the player participates in, including President's Cup. If the suspension cannot be served during the Current Seasonal Year, the suspension must be served during the Next Seasonal Year. This clause does not apply to suspensions resulting from an accumulation of cautions, as indicated in numbers 2 and 3 above.
- 5) If a player is required to serve a suspension for a Send Off received during President's Cup play, that suspension must be served during President's Cup matches, except if there are not enough games remaining for this team during the President's Cup, the suspension must be served during the next WSYSA event the player participates in, which may include Fall Season play or other WSYSA tournaments. If the suspension cannot be served during the Current Seasonal Year, the suspension must be served during the Next Seasonal Year. Note that this player is ineligible to participate in ANY WSYSA sanctioned event, at any level, until the suspension has been served. This clause does not apply to suspensions resulting from an accumulation of cautions, as indicated in numbers 2 and 3 above.
- 6) Note that, except in the case where Fall Season and President's Cup play overlap, a suspended player is ineligible to participate in ANY WSYSA sanctioned event, at any level, until the suspension has been served.
- 7) For each send off received by a player during the Current Seasonal Year, the player is assessed three penalty points. For each caution received during the Current Seasonal Year, the player is assessed one penalty point. If a player is sent off for committing a second cautionable offense in a match, the player is assessed three penalty points for that match. Team penalty points are the sum of all player penalty points for that team.
- 8) If a player accumulates seven penalty points during the Current Seasonal Year, that player is suspended and must petition for reinstatement to restore their eligibility to play.
- 9) If a team accumulates fifteen penalty points, the Disciplinary Committee shall convene a hearing to determine if such team will be permitted to continue playing, and if so, may set terms of probation under which the team will be permitted to play.

Documenting that a Suspension has been served:

When a player must serve a suspension, the Disciplinary Committee must receive written proof that the Suspension has been served. This proof may take any of the following forms:

- 1) The Committee may provide a “Hearing Determination Form” to you. If you have requested a hearing and receive this form, it is presented to the referee before and after the match and must be completed (signed and dated by the referee). A “Determination Form” may also be sent to you electronically or via the US Postal Service.
- 2) The coach may have the referee sign a COPY of your official team roster, which clearly indicates that the player was present and served the suspension, signed and dated by the referee. YOU must collect a copy of that roster and mail it to the WSYSA District II Disciplinary Committee. (This is why it must be a copy – do NOT just note it on the roster the referee carries away – that is sent to a different place.)
- 3) WSYSA District II will accept almost any other written form from the referee – provided it includes the date and time of the match sat out, the name of the player, a notation that the player was present and did not play, and includes a LEGIBLE referee signature and date. Remember that the Coach is responsible for submitting the proof to the Disciplinary Committee – NOT the referee.

WSYSA District II will NOT accept an affidavit from the coach, players, managers, league officials, field marshals, or other persons at the field. The notation MUST come from a referee.

In the event that no officially assigned referee was present at your match, and the match was played using an “emergency referee” (meaning the match was still played and counts towards standings), then WSYSA District II will accept a signature of both team coaches in lieu of requiring the signature of a referee.

The above is not a complete listing of all rules which may apply to misconduct, but is intended to be a summary that covers the vast majority of situations. If you have questions regarding a specific situation, please contact Andrew Boyd, WSYSA District II Disciplinary Chair, by sending an email to discipchair@wsysad2.org.