

PLAYER , COACH & SPECTATOR INFRACTION WORKSHEET EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1ST, 2025

All suspensions include SCSL playoffs/MTOC as well as carryover from season to season. (Spring to fall, fall to spring ETC)

OFFENSE	CARD ISSUED	DISCIPLINE (# of games)	
		Expected Minimum	Maximum Allowed
PLAYER: Single Game Incident			
Run of Play	1st Yellow	0 Games	
Non Violent Conduct (NVC) for both Yellow Cards	2nd Yellow (RED)	1 Game	2 Games
Handling Ball (DOGO) - Situation to determine penalty	RED	1 Game	2 Games
A second yellow card or a straight red card is issued for Insulting, Offensive or Abusive Language (AL), Serious Foul Play (SFP), which may involve pushing or shoving but does not include fighting or other Violent Conduct (VC) offenses.	2nd Yellow (RED) or RED	2 Games	4 Games
Violent Conduct (VC) – Includes fighting, kicking, spitting, physical contact outside of normal play, and any form of discrimination. Discrimination may include verbal or physical actions.	Straight RED	4 Games	Expulsiom
PLAYER: Season Accumulation			
Run of Play: PLEASE NOTE - Only one yellow card per game shall accrue towards the cumulative season total	2nd Yellow	0 Games	
	3rd Yellow	1 Game	
	4th Yellow	2 Games	
	5th Yellow	3 games	6 games
Non-Violent Conduct (NVC)	2nd RED	4 Games	6 Games
Violent Conduct (VC) - any contributing offense	2nd RED	8 Games	Expulsion
COACH, CREDENTIALLED ADULT or SPECTATOR			
Send Off or Code of Conduct Violation - Non Violent Conduct (NVC): To include spectator issues - may also include both home and away coach(s)/credentialed adult. This includes prior, during and after the game. *	1st Offense	1 Game	3 Game
Send Off or Code of Conduct Violation - Non Violent Conduct (NVC): To include spectator issues - may also include both home and away coach(s)/credentialed adult. This includes prior, during and after the game. *	2nd Offense	3 Games	6 Games
Send Off-Violent Conduct (VC): To include spectator issues - may also include both home and away coach(s)/credentialed adult. This includes prior, during and after the game. *. This includes ANY form of physical or verbal discrimination. *	1st Offense	3 Games	Expulsion
Send Off-Violent Conduct (VC): To include spectator issues - may also include both home and away coach(s)/credentialed adult. This includes prior, during and after the game. *. This includes ANY form of physical or verbal discrimination. *	2nd Offense	6 Games	Expulsion

*** PLEASE NOTE: These suspensions can include misconduct towards referees, however, please see US Soccer Policy 531-9 on elevated referee abuse penalties.**



REFEREE ABUSE PREVENTION

POLICY 531-9 PENALTY OVERVIEW / YOUTH & AMATEUR

The Penalties Matrix defines consequences associated with physical and non-physical offenses against Referees.

NON-PHYSICAL OFFENSES of gross misconduct, abuse, and / or assault

NON-PHYSICAL*	MIN. GAMES	TIME
Insulting, Belittling, Insinuating or Taunting Behavior Undermining Referee Authority	2	
Harassment, Intimidation, Retaliation, Abusive, or Threatening (Non Physical) Language	4	
Aggression, Attacking, Derogatory, Cyberbullying, Doxing or Threatening (Physical / Violence) Language	6	6 - 24 Months
Offensive or Discriminatory Act	10	12 - 24 Months

PHYSICAL OFFENSES of gross misconduct, abuse, and / or assault

PHYSICAL*	MIN. GAMES	TIME
Minor or Slight Deliberate Touching	3	1 - 6 Months
Pushing, Grabbing, Pulling, Squeezing, Pinching, Lightly Slapping, Use of Object in Non Striking Manner, or Physical Property Damage	10	6 - 24 Months
Hitting, Punching, Elbowing, Kicking, Biting, Spiting, Choking, Tackling, Throwing or Use of Object or Any Part of Body (Forearm, Knee, Head) in a Striking Manner		12 Months - Lifetime

(*) Disclaimer: These are only a few examples of abuse — other actions or statements may also fall into this category.

KEY PENALTY FACTORS

- Single offenses are at **minimum the prescribed game penalty or time penalty** for non red zone offenses
- Penalties can be **both game and time depending on severity** / circumstances
- Second time offenders receive **double punishment**
- Third time offenders receive a **lifetime ban**
- More than one offense at the same time is **at least the punishment for the most serious offense**
- Offenses against minors are automatically subject to a **"minor multiplier"** resulting in **triple punishment**
- Game consequences are **inclusive of 1 game penalty for any red cards given**
- Optionality for **50% penalty for first offense from a minor**