

3.5. MISCONDUCT BY PLAYER

3.5.1. A player who is sent off and shown the red card for committing one of the following offenses shall be suspended for the game in play and an additional one (1) game suspension:

3.5.1.1. Any red card ejection for which a greater penalty is not imposed under these Rules.

3.5.1.2. Serious foul play. A tackle from any direction, which endangers the safety of an opponent, must be sanctioned as serious foul play.

3.5.1.3. Second caution (yellow card) in the same match.

3.5.1.4. Denies or impedes an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offense punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick.

3.5.1.5. Use of offensive or insulting or abusive language and/or gestures, clearly audible, but not directed at anyone.

3.5.1.6. Intentional and/or repeated action either unsportsmanlike and/or creating uncalled for delays to the game.

3.5.2. A player who is sent off and shown the red card for committing one of the following offenses shall be suspended for the game in play and an additional two (2) game suspension:

3.5.2.1. Extreme roughness, brutal play or violent conduct;

3.5.2.2. Spits at an opponent or any other person;

3.5.2.3. Denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within his own penalty area);

3.5.2.4. Any form of audible or visual dissent or profanity directed towards players, coaches, spectators and other members of HYSA, on or off the field, during the game; 3.2.1.5. Verbal threatening or physical threatening gestures without body contact.

3.5.3. A player who is sent off and shown the red card for committing one of the following offenses shall be suspended for the game in play and an additional three (3) game suspension:

3.5.3.1. A single strike, shove, push or violent gesture with body contact towards anyone.

3.5.4. A player who is sent off and shown the red card for committing one of the following offenses shall be suspended for the game in play and an additional four (4) game suspension:

3.5.4.1. Repeated pushing, shoving or violent gestures with body contact towards anyone.

3.5.5. A player who is sent off and shown the red card for committing one of the following offenses shall be suspended for the game in play and an additional six (6) game suspension:

3.5.5.1. Fighting, or striking of "repeated body contact" type with anyone on or off the field.

3.5.6. A player who is sent off and shown the red card for committing one of the following offenses shall be suspended for the game in play and a minimum of an additional twelve games (12) games, but for not less than three (3) months and not more than one (1) seasonal year:

3.5.6.1. A single strike, shove, push or violent gesture with body contact, or fighting or striking of "repeated body contact" type towards anyone that results in bodily injury.

3.5.7. A player who commits the following violations immediately before or after a game, shall be suspended as described:

3.5.7.1. Any form of audible or visual dissent or profanity directed towards players, coaches, spectators and/or other members of HYSA shall be suspended for two games;

3.5.7.2. Fighting, or striking of "repeated body contact" type with anyone on or off the field, for six (6) games.

3.5.7.3. A single strike, shove, push or violent gesture with body contact, or fighting or striking of "repeated body contact" type towards anyone that results in bodily injury, shall be suspended for twelve (12) games, but for not less than three (3) months, and not more than one (1) seasonal year.

3.5.8. Violations against Officials and Referees

3.5.8.1. The following violations involve acts against state, league, club or team officials, or referees, may occur on or off the field, either before, during or after a game, whether or not a card is issued, and whether threatened, verbal or physical, are defined as "assault" under these Rules.

3.5.8.1.1. A "referee" includes the following:

- a) All currently registered USSF referees, assistant referees, 4th official, or others duly appointed to assist in officiating in a match.
- b) Any non-licensed, non-registered person serving in an emergency capacity as a referee.
- c) Any club assistant referee.

3.5.8.1.2. An "official" for this Rule 3.5.8. is defined in Rule 4.1.2.

3.5.8.2. For any form of audible or visual dissent or profanity, the player shall be suspended for two games;

3.5.8.3. For any verbal or physical threats or gestures directed at the league, club or team official or referee, his or her family or acquaintances, or his, hers, or their property without body contact or property damage, the player shall be suspended for 12 games but not less than three (3) calendar months, but not more than one (1) calendar year.

3.5.8.4. For any body contact in a pushing, striking or fighting manner, directed at the league, club or team official or referee, his or her family or acquaintances, or his, hers or their property, the player shall be suspended for a minimum of one calendar year, unless serious injuries or property damages are inflicted, in which case the suspension shall be for a minimum of five (5) calendar years.