

Casa Soccer League of Boston

Disciplinary Code

Purpose

This document outlines the specific disciplinary policies of the Casa Soccer League of Boston. While we hope that these steps never need to be enacted, this written policy ensures consistency in discipline. When events occur that can not be resolved directly from this document, this document shall serve as a guideline when determining future actions. This document is to be considered as supplementary to the League Rules.

Definitions

Probation

If a player is on disciplinary probation when committing one of the below infractions, the penalty shall include one extra game suspension beyond the listed penalty.

Suspensions

A player who is suspended from a match may not approach within 100 yards of the field or stadium during play of the match.

Repeat Offenses

A 2nd offense is considered when another action in Table 2 has been committed during that season, even if it was not exactly the same.

Red and Yellow Card Policy

Red and Yellow Cards are given in-game by the referees. In some cases, cards may be given immediately before, during halftime, or after a game depending on the circumstances. The penalties applied here do not carry over into a new season. These penalties are **automatic**, represent the minimum penalty, and cannot be removed unless the card itself is retracted by the referee.

Table 1: Red and Yellow Card Policy.

Infraction	Penalty
Four cumulative yellow cards (cautions) received during a season.	Suspended for game following that in which 4 th caution was received.
For each two additional yellow cards received beyond the 4th	Suspended for game following that in which 2 nd caution was received.
Two yellow cards received in-game.	No action beyond standard rules (removal from rest of game, team plays with one less player)
Red card received in game (not resulting from two yellow cards)	Suspended for the next game in addition to standard rules.

Discipline By Specific Action

The following guidelines should be followed in all cases where applicable. If a given circumstance does not fit the written criteria below, then the Disciplinary Committee should recommend an appropriate action in the spirit of existing guidelines and the FIFA Disciplinary Code where applicable.

The game suspensions in Table 2 apply to games following the incident. The automatic one-game suspension given for a red card (see Table 1) will be served simultaneously with any additional penalties listed in the table. Note that a red card need not be given for the following penalties to apply, especially if the incident occurred on match grounds but before or after a game whistle.

Infractions in Table 2 may be increased if appropriate to the seriousness of the situation. In most cases, a referee report should be necessary to initiate a disciplinary proceeding in Table 2, unless complaints by players or captains are provided with sufficient evidence and witness.

Table 2: Specific Disciplinary Actions

Infraction	1st offense	Repeat Infractions
<i>Actions against players and spectators.</i>		
Serious foul play or excessive force.	1 Match Suspension	2 Match Suspension + 2 Months Probation
Unsporting conduct.	1 Match Suspension	2 Match Suspension + 2 Months Probation
Hitting. (Elbowing, Kicking, Punching, Headbutting, etc).	1 Match Suspension	2 Match Suspension + 2 Months Probation
Taunting, Inciting violent response	1 Match Suspension	2 Match Suspension + 2 Months Probation
Spitting	2 Match Suspension	2 Match Suspension + 2 Months Probation
Racism / Hate Speech *	4 Match Suspension	8 Match Suspension + 2 Months Probation
<i>Actions against match officials (referees, supervisors, administrators, employees, etc)</i>		
Serious foul play or excessive force.	4 Match Suspension	8 Match Suspension + 4 Months Probation
Unsporting conduct.	4 Match Suspension	8 Match Suspension + 4 Months Probation
Taunting, Inciting violent response	4 Match Suspension	8 Match Suspension + 4 Months Probation
Hitting. (Elbowing, Kicking, Punching, Headbutting, etc).	8 Match Suspension	2 Year Suspension
Spitting	8 Match Suspension	16 Match Suspension + 4 Months Probation
Racism / Hate Speech *	16 Match Suspension	1 Year Suspension
<i>Brawls and Fighting</i>		
Fighting or Participation in a brawl	2 Match Suspension	4 Match Suspension + 2 Months Probation
Instigation of a brawl	2 Match Suspension	4 Match Suspension + 2 Months Probation
Players whose only participation in a brawl is an attempt to prevent a fight, shield others from danger, or separate those involved are not subject to penalties.		
<i>General Conduct</i>		
Attempted bribery	1 Year Suspension	Lifetime Ban.
Taking part in a match in which player is ineligible (i.e., is suspended from play)	2 Match Suspension + repeat of original discipline. Team forfeits match.	2 Match Suspension + 2 Months Probation + repeat of original discipline. Team forfeits match.
Team forfeiture of a match (failure to provide 7 or more eligible players by scheduled start of match)	Loss of team deposit, forfeiture of match	\$150 fine. Loss of playoff eligibility until fine is paid. Forfeiture of match.
Player plays while suspended	Team forfeits match (no loss of deposit)	Team forfeits match (no loss of deposit) 2 Match Suspension (these suspensions are

* Serious incidents may be subject to suspension for one season or more.

Procedures

Upon receiving a complaint from a referee, the Ombudsman shall obtain statements in writing about the incident from the referees and involved players, and also witnesses where appropriate. If sufficient evidence exists to conclude that a player was guilty of one of the above infractions the Ombudsman shall notify the player and/or team captain where appropriate. The division Commissioner shall perform these duties should the Ombudsman be unavailable or involved in the incident. If the Commissioner is unavailable, an appropriate Officer shall be appointed by the President.

If sufficient complaints are received from players or team captains, the Ombudsman may initiate a disciplinary procedure if deemed appropriate.