

TYSL Disciplinary Code

Objective

This code describes infringements of the rules in Texas Youth Super Liga (TYSL)

Applicable Sanctions:

- a) Caution
- b) Expulsion
- c) Match suspension
- d) Ban from bench or field
- e) Ban on taking part in any soccer-related activity
- f) Deduction of points
- g) Fines
- h) Forfeit

Caution

1. A caution (yellow card) is a warning from the referee to a player during a match to sanction unsporting behavior of a less serious nature.
2. Two cautions received during the same match incur an expulsion (indirect red card) and, consequently, automatic suspension from the next match. The two cautions that incurred the red card are rescinded.
3. If a player receives a caution in four (4) separate matches during regular season play, he is automatically suspended from the next match in that competition. The length of suspension increases incrementally with every fourth caution (8 cautions are 2 games, 12 cautions are 3 games).
4. If an abandoned match is to be replayed, any caution issued during that match shall be annulled. If the match is not to be replayed, the cautions received by the team responsible for causing the match to be abandoned are upheld; if both teams are responsible, all of the cautions are upheld.
5. Cautions issued in a match that is subsequently forfeited shall not be annulled.
6. If a player is guilty of serious unsporting behavior and is sent off (direct red card), any other

caution he has previously received in the same match is upheld

Expulsion

1. An expulsion is the order given by the referee to someone to leave the field of play and its surroundings, including the substitutes' bench, during a match. The person who has been sent off shall leave the field for the remainder of the match.
2. Expulsion takes the form of a red card for players. The red card is regarded as direct if it sanctions serious unsporting behavior, it is regarded as indirect if it is the result of an accumulation of two yellow cards.
3. A team player or coach who has been sent off may give brief instructions to the person replacing them on the substitutes' bench prior to departing the field of play. They must ensure that they do not disturb the spectators or disrupt the flow of play.
4. An expulsion automatically incurs suspension from the subsequent match, even if imposed in a match that is later abandoned, annulled and/or forfeited. The Disciplinary Committee may extend the duration of the suspension.

Match suspension

1. A suspension from a match is a ban on taking part in a future match or competition and on attending it in the area immediately surrounding the field of play. An individual serving a suspension may be allowed into the stands in street clothes unless they are serving a field ban.
2. The suspension is imposed in terms of matches and or months.
3. If a suspension is combined with a fine, the suspension may be prolonged until the fine has been paid in full.
4. Only those matches actually played count towards execution of the suspension. If a match is abandoned, cancelled, or forfeited, a suspension is only considered to have been served if the team to which the suspended player belongs is not responsible for the facts that led to the abandonment, cancellation or forfeit of the match.
5. A suspension of greater than three matches may be appealed. This appeal must be done within 72 hour of notification of the suspension. A written appeal should be sent to the chair of the disciplinary committee.

Ban from field and substitutes' bench

A ban from field and substitutes' benches deprives someone of the right to enter the area immediately surrounding the field of play, and in particular to sit on the substitutes' bench. This ban shall commence 90 min prior to the start of the match and expire 30 minutes after the match.

Deduction of points

A club may have points deducted from those already attained in the current league. The disciplinary committee shall decide these factors.

Fines

Fines for team officials who have been sighted in a referee's report or found to have violated TYSL policy may be fined as follows in addition to any suspensions:

Owners or Owners who are coaching in any capacity:

First offense \$150

Second offense \$200

Third offense \$250

Coaches:

First offense \$100

Second offense \$150

Third offense \$200

In all cases these fines may increase incrementally for subsequent violations. When a suspension is included with a fine, the suspension is extended until the fine has been paid.

Forfeit

1. A team sanctioned with a forfeit is considered to have lost the match by 3-0.
2. If the goal difference at the end of the match is greater than three, the result on the pitch is upheld.

Minor infringements

A player is cautioned if he commits any of the following offences:

- a) Unsporting behavior
- b) Dissent by word or action
- c) Persistent offences of the Laws of the Game
- d) Delaying the restart of play
- e) Failure to retreat the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick or throw-in
- f) Entering or re-entering the field of play without the referee's permission
- g) Deliberately leaving the field of play without the referee's permission
- h) Excessive celebration of a goal

Serious infringements

A player is sent off if he commits any of the following offences:

- a) Serious foul play
- b) Violent conduct
- c) Hitting or spitting at someone
- d) Denying 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)
- e) Denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick
- f) Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures
- g) Receiving a second caution in the same match
- h) A player or team official who fails to leave in a timely manner after being sent off or dismissed shall be suspended an additional match

Misconduct against opponents or persons other than match official

1. Any recipient of a direct red card shall be suspended as follows:

- a) One match for denying the opposing team a clear goal-scoring opportunity (particularly by deliberately handling the ball)
- b) At least one match for serious foul play (particularly in the case of excessive or brute force)
- c) At least one match for unsporting conduct towards an opponent or a person other than a match official
- d) At least one matches for assaulting (elbowing, punching, kicking etc.) an opponent or a person other than a match official
- e) At least one match for spitting at an opponent or a person other than a match official

2. A fine may also be imposed in all cases

Misconduct against match officials

1. Including the automatic suspension incurred, the overall suspension imposed on any person receiving a direct red card shall be for:

- a) At least two matches for unsporting conduct towards a match official
- b) At least six months for assaulting (elbowing, punching, kicking etc.) In addition, the individual may be suspended for 6 games
- c) At least 6 months for spitting at a match official
- d) A team official reported for irresponsible behavior shall be banned at least one match from the field.

2. A fine may also be imposed in all cases

Unidentified aggressors

If, in the case of violence, it is not possible to identify the perpetrator(s), the disciplinary committee will sanction the club to which the aggressors belong. Teams are responsible for the behavior of their supporters.

Inciting hatred and violence

1. A player or team official who publicly incites others to hatred or violence will be sanctioned with match suspension and a possible fine.

Provoking the general public

Anyone who provokes the general public during a match will be suspended for two matches and a possible fine.

Ineligibility

1. If a player takes part in an official match despite being ineligible, his team will be sanctioned by forfeiting the match and a possible fine.

Un-played matches and abandonment

1. If a match cannot take place or cannot be played in full for reasons due to the behavior of a team or behavior for which an association or a club is liable, the association or the club will be sanctioned with a possible fine. The match will either be forfeited or replayed.

Offensive behavior and fair play

Anyone who insults someone in any way, especially by using offensive gestures or language, or who violates the principles of fair play or whose behavior is unsporting in any other way may be subject to sanctions.

Discrimination

1. Anyone who offends the dignity of a person or group of persons through contemptuous, discriminatory words or actions concerning race, color, language, religion or origin shall be face suspension. Furthermore, a field ban and a possible fine shall be imposed.

Failure to respect decisions

1. Anyone who fails to comply with a suspension and/or fine:

- a) Will be suspended an additional game per offense and may be fined for failing to comply with a decision.
- b) Will be warned and notified that, in the case of default or failure to comply with a decision within the period stipulated, points will be deducted.

Liability for spectator conduct

1. Each team is liable for improper conduct among their spectators/supporters and may be fined. Further sanctions may be imposed in the case of serious disturbances.

2. Improper conduct includes violence towards persons or objects, letting off incendiary devices, throwing missiles, displaying insulting or political slogans in any form, uttering insulting words or sounds, or invading the pitch.

Referee

1. During matches, disciplinary decisions are taken by the referee.
2. These decisions are final and must be respected.
3. In certain circumstances, the Disciplinary Committee may take further actions.
4. Misapplication of Law may be appealed to the Disciplinary Committee.

The Disciplinary Committee is responsible for:

- a) Sanctioning serious infringements which have escaped the match officials' attention
- b) Rectifying obvious errors in the referee's disciplinary decisions
- c) Extending the duration of a match suspension incurred automatically by an expulsion
- d) Pronouncing additional sanctions, such as a fine
- e) Reviewing incidents of misapplication of Law and determining if the results stand or the match replayed.

Proof

Various types of proof

1. Any type of proof may be produced.
2. The following are admissible: reports from referees, assistant referees, match commissioners, declarations from the parties and witnesses, material evidence, expert opinions and audio or video recordings.

Match officials' reports

1. Facts contained in match officials' reports are presumed to be accurate.
2. Proof of the inaccuracy of the contents of these reports may be provided.
3. If there is any discrepancy in the reports from the various match officials and there are no means of resolving the different versions of the facts, the referee's report is considered authoritative regarding incidents that occurred on the field of play; the match commissioners report is considered authoritative regarding incidents that took place outside the field of play.

Obvious errors

A body may rectify any mistakes in calculation or any other obvious errors at any time.