

***Sanctions and Punishments for Misconducts***  
***(from: Hawaii Youth Soccer Association Team Manual 2003-2004)***

**RULE 15 Disciplinary Rulings and Punishments:**

A. Misconduct of players

1. Any ejection (red)
2. Profanity on the field of play, not directed at league or game officials or coaches but clearly audible
3. Intentional and/or repeated action either unsportsmanlike and/or creating uncalled for delays to the game
4. Extreme roughness, brutal play
5. Intentionally impeding an obvious goal scoring opportunity by an opponent, but without body contact

APPLICABLE SANCTION: Suspension for game in play plus one additional game

6. Any form of audible or visual dissent or profanity directed towards league and game officials or coaches, on or off the field, before, during or after the game
7. Verbal threatening or physical threatening gestures without body contact (excluding officials and coaches)
8. Intentionally impeding an obvious goal scoring opportunity by an opponent, with body contact

APPLICABLE SANCTION: Suspension for game in play plus two additional games

9. Single strike, shove, push or violent gesture with body contact towards anyone (excluding league and game officials and coaches)

APPLICABLE SANCTION: Suspension for game in play plus three additional games

10. Repeated pushing, shoving or violent gestures with body contact towards anyone (excluding league and game officials and coaches)

APPLICABLE SANCTION: Suspension for game in play plus four additional games

11. Fighting, striking of “repeated body contact” type with anyone (excluding league and game officials and coaches) on or off the field, before, during or after a game

APPLICABLE SANCTION: Suspension for game in play plus six additional games

12. Verbal threatening or physical threatening gestures without body contact directed at league and game officials or coaches, on or off the field, before, during or after a game

APPLICABLE SANCTION: Suspension for 12 games but not less than 3 calendar months

13. Body contact with league and game officials and coaches in a pushing, striking or fighting manner, on or off the field, before, during or after the game

APPLICABLE SANCTION: Suspension for a minimum of one calendar year, unless serious injuries are inflicted, in which case the suspension shall be for a minimum of five calendar years

## B. Accumulation of Cautions and Expulsions

1. After accumulating three (3) yellow cards within a seasonal year, the player will be entitled to finish the game underway but will be automatically suspended from play for the following game within the playing year. The game suspension shall clear the player's record.
2. Any player that accumulates three (3) red cards in a seasonal year will be suspended and required to appear before the Disciplinary Authority in a hearing. The Disciplinary Authority shall determine the conditions for reinstatement and/or probation, if any. Failure of the player to appear at the hearing will cause that player to be suspended for the remainder of the seasonal year.
3. The coach of a team that has four (4) different players who received red cards during any season will be required to appear before the Disciplinary Authority in a hearing within ten calendar days from the receipt of written notice from the Authority. The Disciplinary Authority will then set the terms of probation, if any, for that coach. Failure of the coach to appear at the hearing will cause the coach to be suspended and the coach shall be required to petition for reinstatement of his/her eligibility to coach the team in question or any other team.

## C. Misconduct of Coaches or Team Officials

1. Any ejection
2. Abusive, derogatory or profane language, on or off the field of play, not directed at league or game officials or coaches but clearly audible
3. Intentional and/or repeated action either unsportsmanlike and/or creating uncalled for delays to the game

APPLICABLE SANCTION: Suspension for game in play plus two additional games

4. Any form of audible or visual dissent or profanity directed towards league or game officials or coaches, on or off the field, before, during or after the game
5. Verbal threatening or physical threatening gestures without body contact (excluding officials and coaches)

APPLICABLE SANCTION: Suspension for game in play plus four additional games

6. Verbal threatening or physical threatening gestures without body contact directed at league and game officials or coaches, on or off the field, before, during or after a game

APPLICABLE SANCTION: Suspension for 12 games but not less than 3 calendar months

7. Any violent gesture with body contact on or off the field, before, during or after the game

APPLICABLE SANCTION: Suspension for a minimum of one calendar year, unless serious injuries are inflicted, in which case the suspension shall be for a minimum of five calendar years

Repeat of any misconduct in Section C within a year from the termination of the sanction shall result in a review by the appropriate authority.

D. Spectator Misconduct. Team coaches, team assistant coaches, and team managers whose teams are on the field, as well as league officials present at the game, must do their utmost to help maintain an orderly and gentlemanlike behavior by the field of play. They may, if necessary, obtain the attention of the referee who has the sole authority to stop the game if in his/her judgment he/she finds it necessary. Coaches will be held responsible for the behavior of their spectators. (See HYSA Rules and Regulations, Division I. Rules of Order, Rules 6 and 7). Any instance of spectator misconduct may be reported to the league. The appropriate league authority may take action including, but not limited to, placing the team in bad standing.

Footnotes:

1. "Game officials" include linesmen, even though they might be trainees.
2. "Constructive" criticism is fine; abusive behavior, verbal or other, will not be tolerated.
3. All suspensions given will carry over into the following playing year.
4. Suspensions count only towards scheduled league, cup or tournament matches. "Visitors" and "friendlies" cannot be used to work down the count. In specific instances the sanctioning authority may specify which kinds of games may be used to work off a sanction.
5. Wherever league officials are mentioned, it is understood that present State officials are included into the ruling.