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## **DISCIPLINARY PENALTIES 2011**

This document applies to (but not limited to) matters before the Association's Judiciary Committee, Disciplinary Committee and Appeals Committee. It is a support document to the Association's Constitution and Rules of Association.

*Note: For the purpose of these regulations "Players" includes substitutes and substituted players. "Team officials" comprise coaches, managers, trainers, and any other person permitted in the Technical Area. "Match officials" comprises referees, assistant referees, ground officials, and any person in such a position as to the control of the match.*

### **SEND OFF OFFENCES**

A player shall be sent from the field of play for the following offences as prescribed in the Laws of the Game. The field of play shall be deemed to include the Technical Zone, and any area within the roped or fenced perimeter of the field.

**Any player sent from the field / shown a red card is automatically suspended (as a minimum) for one fixture.**

- R1 The player is guilty of serious foul play
- R2 The player is guilty of violent conduct
- R3 The player spits at an opponent or any other person
- R4 The player denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goal keeper within his or her own penalty area)
- R5 The player denies 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.
- R6 The player uses offensive or insulting or abusive language and/or gestures
- R7 The player receives a second caution in the same match

### **PENALTIES**

**SECTION 'A'** – The penalties that will be applied by the Association for offences by players against other player or any other person are as follows. The scheduled penalties will also apply for offences committed by players against players or any other person after having been sent from the field of play.

<b>Offence Codes</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
(a) <b>R1</b> – Serious foul play	1 Fixtures	20 Fixtures
<b>R1 Expanded</b>		
(a) Violent Tackle from behind that endangers the safety of an opponent	2 Fixtures	20 Fixtures
(b) (i) Rugby Tackle	2 Fixtures	12 Fixtures
(ii) Violent Charging	1 Fixtures	12 Fixtures
(iii) Over the Ball Tackle	2 Fixtures	12 Fixtures
(b) <b>R2</b> Violent conduct		
<b>R2 Expanded</b>		
(a) (i) Head Butting	4 Fixtures	2 Years
(ii) Punching/Fighting	2 Fixtures	2 Years
(iii) Kicking	2 Fixtures	2 Years
(iv) Pushing by hand or chest	1 Fixture	12 Fixtures
(b) Elbowing	2 Fixtures	2 Years
<b>R2 (b) Expanded</b>		
(i) Elbowing to the Head	4 Fixtures	2 Years
(ii) Elbowing to the Body	2 Fixtures	2 Years
(c) <b>R3</b> - Spitting	4 Fixtures	2 Years
(d) <b>R4</b> - Sabotaging an obvious goal scoring opportunity (handball)	1 Fixture	4 Fixtures
(e) <b>R5</b> - Sabotaging an obvious goal scoring opportunity (holding) (tripping) (impeding)	1 Fixture	6 Fixtures
(f) <b>R6</b> Using Offensive, Insulting or Abusive Language	1 Fixtures	20 Fixtures
<b>R6</b> (a) Making offensive, insulting or abusive gestures	2 Fixtures	20 Fixtures
<b>R6 (a) Expanded</b>		
(a) (i) Indecent Actions	2 Fixtures	20 Fixtures
(g) <b>R7</b> - Second Caution	1 Fixture	20 Fixtures

**SECTION 'B'** – The penalties that will be applied by the Association for offences committed by players, team or club officials against match officials (whether Association appointed or

otherwise) are as follows. The scheduled penalties will also apply for offences committed by players or team or club officials after having been sent from the field.

<b>Offence Codes</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
(h) <b>R2</b> Threatening or intimidating a referee or assistant referee by word or action	4 Fixtures	Life
(i) Tripping a referee or assistant referee	1 Year	Life
(ii) Pushing with an open hand, or shoulder, hip	1 Year	Life
(iii) Striking with the ball or other object	1 Year	Life
(iv) Punching, Kicking or elbowing	Life	Life
(i) <b>R3</b> Spitting	1 Year	Life
(i) Towards an official	8 Fixtures	Life
(ii) On an official's person	1 Year	Life
(j) <b>R6</b> Uses offensive, insulting or abusive language.	1 Fixtures	5 Years
(i) Making offensive, insulting or abusive gestures.	2 Fixtures	5 Years

**SECTION 'C'** – The penalties that will be applied by the Association for other offences committed by players, team or club officials and spectators are as follows. The scheduled penalties will also apply for offences committed by players or team or club officials after having been sent from the field of play.

<b>Offence Codes</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
(k) Inciting the crowd	10 Fixtures	10 Years
(l) Attacking or fighting with spectators	1 Year	Life
(m) Bringing the game into disrepute	6 Fixtures	Life
(n) Deliberately misleading the DC / AC / JC	4 Fixtures	2 Years
(o) Spitting at or onto spectators	8 Fixtures	Life
(p) Entering the field of play without authority	2 Fixtures	10 Years
(q) Spectator attacking or fighting with players, team/club officials or match officials	1 Year	Life
(r) Use of a foreign object to intimidate and/or cause harm to person and/or property	1 Year	Life

**SECTION 'D'** – The penalties that will be applied to a club / team involved in an abandoned game. There will be zero tolerance in relation to violence on the football field as a basic presumption.

(s) Any game abandoned as a result of violence by players from one or both teams will result in the team or teams being suspended from the competition for the balance of the season.

(t) Any game abandoned as a consequence of the actions of spectators invading the pitch or otherwise will result in the team whose spectators were responsible for the abandonment being suspended from the competition for the balance of the season.

## **TEAM OFFICIALS – MANDATORY MATCH SUSPENSION**

A referee may take action against a Team Official who fails to conduct themselves in a responsible manner and may expel the Team Official from the field of play and its surroundings, including the technical area.

A Team Official who has been expelled from the field of play or technical area by a referee must serve a mandatory one (1) fixture suspension.

The club of any Team Official that is found to have entered either the field of play or technical area whilst suspended may be fined up to \$250.00.

## **JUNIOR OFFICIALS / NON-APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

The abuse and intimidation by team officials and club spectators of junior match officials and/or non-appointed officials in Association football games will not be tolerated. The DC / AC / JC have the authority to double the minimum / maximum penalties listed when such offences are proven against junior and non-appointed officials.

## **PERSISTENT OFFENDERS**

In cases of repetition, that is, if the same player during the same season is reported for other offences, even if the infraction is not of the same nature, more severe sanctions may be taken. (Refer also to Rules of Association 6.5.4)

## **SANCTIONS OUTSIDE THE RECOMMENDED RANGE**

In exceptional circumstances, the Judiciary, Disciplinary and Appeals Committee may impose a sanction outside the range of suspension as detailed in these regulations.

## **APPLICATION OF FIXTURE v TIME SUSPENSIONS**

In general terms:

- Suspensions in terms of fixtures apply only to the style of football in which they were received (Winter, Summer, Futsal, etc).
- Suspensions in terms of time (eg: months) apply to all types of football (Winter, Summer, Futsal, etc).

*Note: However depending on the nature of the case and the determination issued, some suspensions in terms of fixtures may apply to all types of football activity.*

## **BONDS / FINES / OTHER**

- Bonds for Good Behaviour imposed on a Club may range from \$250.00 to \$1,500.00.
- Proven Assault on an Official - \$550.00.
- Fines imposed on a Club for the behaviour of its members / committee / spectators may range from \$250.00 to \$1,500.00.
- The Association executive and/or JC / DC / AC may require any person to complete the "Play by the Rules" online training from time to time.