



Red Card Standards and Procedures

- The ASA Referee Send-Off Report (paper form) or the online Got Soccer Send-Off reporting will be utilized for all red cards.
- Any player sent off from a match with a red card must leave the technical area. It is recommended that the player retreat to the parking area of the complex or an area designated by the field director (**player must have adult supervision**) unless the field director grants an exception and allows the player to remain on the bench due to safety concerns.
- Any team official dismissed from participating in a match must leave the field area and retreat to the parking area of the complex or an area designated by the field director. The Match Officials and/or ASA staff on site are authorized to prohibit the use of any communication devices at the team bench areas.

Rules for serving a red card suspension

- A player or team official who received a red card is required to fill out the ASA Suspension Fulfillment Form and have it signed by the referee.
- All ASA Suspension Fulfillment Forms must be turned into ASA at redcards@azyouthsoccer.org within 48hrs of completion of the game in which the player served the suspension. Failure to turn in this form within the 48hr time frame may result in additional suspensions for the player/team official.
- A player serving a red card may NOT dress in uniform.
- The player does not need to be present at the game to serve their red card. A team official must get the ASA Suspension Fulfillment Form signed by the referee.
- If you receive a red card as a club pass player, you must serve your suspension on your primary team.
- A team official serving a red card may NOT be in the technical area.
- If you receive a red card as a coach you will be redlined for your next number of games regardless of team. (For example: Coach John is the coach for team A, B and C. Coach John receives a red card with team A, but coaches team B later in the day. He is redlined for team B's game and any game after that for the remaining number of games for his suspension.)
- In order to serve a suspension, the coach must be listed on the roster on the game card.
- Coaches who are red carded may not be put on to a new team roster after they are suspended.
- Team managers must serve their suspension with the team they received the red card with.
- Forfeitures, cancelled games, unscheduled games, bye games, and friendlies do not count towards fulfillment of suspension. Non-US Youth (USYS) sanctioned tournament games do not count towards the fulfillment of suspension. The list of ASA sanctioned tournaments is on the ASA website under "Club Tournaments"
- RAP Second time offenders receive double punishment.
- RAP Third time offenders receive a lifetime ban.
- RAP Offenses against minors are automatically subject to a "minor multiplier" resulting in triple punishment.

Desert Conference: Suspensions for red cards received in Desert Conference can only be served in Desert Conference games.

Arizona Advanced Leagues: Suspensions for red cards received in Arizona Advanced Leagues will only be served in Arizona Advanced Leagues games. A player or coach/team official who receives a red card during an Advanced League game will be redlined in GotSport on the next game card after the referee send-off report is submitted. If a player, coach/team official receives a red card, an email notification will be sent to the coach, team manager and club registrar from redcards@azyouthsoccer.org. Players must serve their suspension with their primary team, including club pass players. If Arizona Advanced League games have finished, the suspension will be served in Presidents Cup or State Cup. If a team does not participate in either Presidents Cup or State Cup, the suspension will carry over to the next season's league game played.

Arizona Open League: Suspensions for red cards received in Open League games will only be served in Open League games. A player or coach/team official who receives a red card during an Open League game will be redlined in GotSport on the next game card after the referee send-off report is submitted. If a player/coach/team official receives a red card, and email notification will be sent to the coach, team manager and club registrar from redcards@azyouthsoccer.org. Players must serve their suspension with their primary team, including club pass players. If Open League is finished, the suspension will be served in Presidents Cup. If the team does not participate in Presidents Cup, the suspension will carry over to the next season's league game played.

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League Academy: Suspensions for red cards received in Open League Academy games will only be served in Open League Academy games. A player or coach/team official who receives a red card during an Open League Academy game will be redlined in GotSport on the next game card after the referee send-off report is submitted. If a player/team official receives a red card, and email notification will be sent to the coach, team manager and club registrar from redcards@azyouthsoccer.org. Players must serve their suspension with their primary team, including club pass players. If Open League Academy is finished, the suspension will carry over to the next season's league game played.

Tournaments:

Each tournament will have procedures listed in their rules for dealing with players /coaches ejected from contests. The tournament red card sanctions will mirror the ASA Red Card Suspension Standards. The tournament will use the ASA Referee Send-Off Report. For players/team officials who are ejected from their game, the tournament is required to send the referee write up of the player/team official to asatournaments@azyouthsoccer.org (All player passes can be returned to team except those that have a suspected head injury). The ASA office will record the penalty and notify the coach, team manager and club registrar of record. **Any tournament found to have not mirrored the ASA Red Card Standards for game suspensions may be fined and could risk not having their tournament sanctioned by ASA in the following years. If red cards have not been fulfilled by the end of the sanctioned tournament, they must be served in the players next game played with their primary team regardless of the league.**

State/Presidents Cups:

Suspensions for red cards received in State Cup games must be served in State Cup games. Suspensions for red cards received in Presidents Cup games must be served in Presidents Cup games. If the player/team official receives a red card during the last game of the Cup series, the suspension will carry over to Regionals (only if the team qualifies for either FWR or Presidents Cup Regionals) otherwise the red card will carry over to the subsequent year's State/Presidents Cup series. (i.e., If a player or team official receive a red card during this year's Presidents Cup, but the team plays in the State Cup the following year, the suspension will be served during the State Cup series).

Regionals:

The US Youth Soccer Region IV Tournament Committee has established procedures for dealing with player/team official ejections. Team Officials should be familiar with these procedures. If not please refer to the FWR Championship Rules & Policies.

Nationals:

Procedures are consistent with the Championship Series. Refer to the procedures listed for Regionals in the previous section.

Non-ASA managed

League Play:

Each league will have established procedures for their misconduct policy. Each league will handle their own individual red cards. The league's misconduct sanctions will mirror the ASA Red Card Suspension Standards. Team Officials are responsible for the information and guidelines provided in their league procedures. All suspensions will be handled within the league. Any red cards issued for referee abuse or assault should be send to ASA D&R committee
discipline@azyouthsoccer.org

****Please see below for the Red Card Suspension Standards****

RED CARD SUSPENSION STANDARDS

OFFENSE	MINIMUM SUSPENSION FOR PLAYERS	MINIMUM SUSPENSION FOR TEAM OFFICIALS
Second Caution	1 game	2 games
Foul or Abusive Language directed at someone other than a match official	1 game	2 games
Serious Foul Play- Denies a goal or an opponent a goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball	1 game	N/A
Serious Foul Play- Denies a goal or an opponent a goal scoring opportunity by committing a foul punishable by a free kick committed in a non-dangerous way (example pulling a jersey)	1 game	N/A
Serious Foul Play- other than above	2 games	N/A
Violent Conduct- Pushing, Striking, Spitting or retaliation	3 games	4 games & may be referred to ASA Disciplinary Committee
Foul or abusive language directed at a match official	3 games	4 games & may be referred to ASA Disciplinary Committee
Abusive language (Discrimination)- prejudicial treatment of different categories of people, especially on the grounds of race, age, sex, or religion	3 games	4 games & may be referred to ASA Disciplinary Committee
2nd Offense Violent Conduct or Serious Foul Play (other category)	4 games & referred to ASA Disciplinary Committee	5 games & may be referred to ASA Disciplinary Committee
3rd Offense Violent Conduct or Serious Foul Play (other category)	5 games & referred to ASA Disciplinary Committee	6 games & may be referred to ASA Disciplinary Committee
Pushing, Striking or Spitting at a Match Official (A Match Official shall be defined as referee, assistant referee, referee assignor, referee administrator, tournament staff including volunteers, tournament director, or ASA staff/board member.)	3 games & referred to ASA Disciplinary Committee	4 games & may be referred to ASA Disciplinary Committee
Coaches/team officials who are ejected from a match for Irresponsible Team/Bench Behavior	N/A	2 games

REFEREE ABUSE PREVENTION OFFENSE - RAP	MINIMUM SUSPENSION FOR PLAYERS	MINIMUM SUSPENSION FOR TEAM OFFICIALS
RAP - NON-PHYSICAL		
Yellow Zone- Insulting, Belittling, Insinuating or Taunting Behavior Undermining Referee Authority	2 game	3 games
Orange Zone – Harassment, Intimidation, Retaliation, Abusive 4 Or Threatening (Non-Physical) Language	4 game	5 games
Red Zone – Aggressive, Attacking, Derogatory, Cyberbullying, 6 6 – 24 Months Doxing or Threatening (Physical) / Violent / Language	6 game \ 6-24 months	7 game \ 6-24 months
Crimson Zone – Offensive or Discriminatory Act	10 games \ 6-24 months	11 games \ 6-24 months
RAP - PHYSICAL		
Yellow Zone - Minor or Slight Deliberate Touching	3 games	4 games
Orange Zone - Pushing, Grabbing, Pulling, Squeezing, Pinching, 10 6 - 24 Months Lightly Slapping, Use of Object in Non-Striking Manner, Or Physical Property Damage	10 games \ 6- 24 months	10 games \ 6-24 months
Red Zone – Hitting, Punching, Elbowing, Kicking, Biting, Spiting, 12 Months - Chocking, Tackling, Throwing or Use of Object of Any Lifetime Part of Body (Forearm, Knee, Head) in a Striking Manner	12 months - lifetime	12 months - lifetime