

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide guidelines for the Disciplinary Committee to follow when reviewing red or yellow cards received by players or coaches, or any written complaint received by the Disciplinary Committee about poor conduct of a player, coach, parent or bystander.

2. SCOPE

- 2.1 The following guidelines are to be used for Recreation, Developmental, District Recreation, and Competition teams, players, coaches, parents and bystanders.
- 2.2 As in all guidelines, common sense must be used. Guidelines are just a starting point, and if the Disciplinary Committee, or Naugatuck Youth Soccer Board of Directors feels additional guidelines are necessary, or if the above feels these guidelines need to be changed, they can do so with board approval per NYS bylaws.

3. PROCEDURES

- 3.1 The Disciplinary Committee will investigate all infractions fully by talking to the referees calling the game, the coaches, fans, and players, and make a decision within one (1) week (if possible).
- 3.2 In the event the disciplinary committee cannot agree, the case will be brought before the board for a decision.
- 3.3 All in-town District Recreation, and Competition games will be attended by at least one board member if possible. This board member will view the game for any infraction by the player, coaches, parents, or bystanders.
 - 3.3.1 Any infraction will be reported to the Disciplinary Committee for review.
 - 3.3.2 These infractions must be verifiable.
 - 3.3.3 These infractions do not have to result in a red or yellow card.
 - 3.3.4 If a player leaves the bench and enters the field of play without authorization (i.e. if a fight occurs on the field and players leave the bench) the Coach **may** be suspended for a minimum of two games.
 - A) If this occurs more than once a season, the coach could be suspended for one complete season or a maximum of six (6) games.

3.4 YELLOW CARDS

3.4.1 Foul and abusive language (and/or obscene gestures) can be subject to a minimum of one (1) game suspension.

A) This includes:

- Swearing at, taunting, or intimidating another player.
- Swearing at, taunting, or intimidating a game official.
- Swearing at, taunting, or intimidating the fans.

3.4.2 Multiple yellows will receive an automatic review of the players past card history and could result in suspension.

3.5 RED CARDS

3.5.1 Any red card received by a coach or player could result in a minimum of a one (1) game suspension above and beyond any suspensions handed down by the District Disciplinary Board.

3.5.2 Any fighting on the field of play could result in an automatic two (2) game suspension. All red card received for fighting will be reviewed for extenuating circumstances, to determine if more or less than the two game suspension is required.

3.5.3 Any player or coach receiving two (2) or more red cards a season, must provide Soccer Community Service to the Naugatuck Youth Soccer recreation league for a period determined by the Disciplinary Committee.

A) Failure to do so will result in continued suspension until the Soccer Community Service is fulfilled.

B) Any player or coach receiving two (2) or more red cards within one season could be subject to a one (1) year suspension depending on the severity of the infraction.