

E&DJSA DISCIPLINARY POLICY (2017)

Documents Overview

The documents listed below include all aspects of the E&DJSA DC Policy that covers Players, Officials, Coaches, Parents, Spectators and Teams as well as the Severity Rating/Level that can be applied to any Officially Reported issues.

This document is divided into the following sections:

Section 1:

E&DJSA DC Player Policy - To be reviewed annually

Section 2:

E&DJSA DC Policy for Officials, Coaches, Spectator or Teams - To be reviewed annually

Section3:

E&DJSA General DC Policy - To be reviewed annually

Section 4:

E&DJSA DC - Offense Severity Rating Document - This is a living document that is subject to change as determined by the DC Chairman and then ratified by the E&DJSA Executive.

E&DJSA DC PLAYER POLICY 2017 (Section1)

GUIDE ONLY

The Seven Send Off Offences (Red Card discretion)

Automatic Suspension (DC

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| ◆ Violent Conduct | 1 minimum |
| ◆ Serious Foul Play | 1 minimum |
| ◆ Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures | 1 minimum |
| ◆ Receiving a second caution in the same match below) | 1 only (see Yellow Cards) |
| ◆ Spitting at an opponent or any other person | 1 minimum |
| ◆ Denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by an offence punishable by a free kick or penalty kick | 1 minimum |
| ◆ Denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball | 1 only |

Yellow Cards

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| ◆ 2 nd in the same game | 1 |
| ◆ Accumulation of 4 cards | 1 |
| ◆ Then the accumulation of any subsequent 2 cards | 1 |

Players & Clubs

1. All players booked by referees and who's name and/or number are written on the match card will receive the mandatory punishment as stated above.
2. Any other punishments given at the discretion of the DC Chairperson will be served unless; The club is going to officially appeal the extra punishment given at the discretion of the DC Chairperson. Any appeal must be done in accordance with E&DJSA By Law 26(e).
3. The Club must forward a written report stating reasons and evidence to E&DJSA. Clubs should remember that the suspension of any booked players will occur, so with this in mind reports should be received in accordance with E&DJSA By-Law 26(e). Email is the preferred method of communication and all emails should be sent to edjsa@bold.net.au. Surface mail reports can be sent to "E&DJSA General Secretary, Attn DC Chairman, PO Box 888 Salisbury SA, 5108".
4. Any player appearing before a DC hearing on disciplinary charges can expect to receive punishment as seen fit to be laid down by that DC hearing, and by default that punishment can be greater than those above and/or discretion-ally decided by the DC Chairperson.
5. DC Chairman will officially notify clubs of player suspensions, notwithstanding that any player receiving a red card is not eligible to play in the next competitive game.

Coaches

1. Coaches should check the match card for any referees statements or notes of player bookings before signing the match card. The act of signing the match card merely indicates that the coaches have seen the content of the card, player names, final scores as well as having taking note of any relevant player bookings.
2. If a coach disagrees with the booking of a player as it appears on the match card they should contact their Club who will in turn submit to the E&DJSA Secretary a written report within 24 hours outlining the incident and details including names and numbers of any players concerned. Any statement along the lines of "The player named on the match card didn't do it and we don't know who did" will not be an acceptable defence.

E&DJSA DC POLICY FOR OFFICIALS, COACHES, SPECTATORS OR TEAMS (Section 2)

1. Any official reports involving transgressions by officials, coaches, parents, spectators or teams will attract a monetary punishment and possible loss of points and/or suspension.
2. The E&DJSA Executive has a legal "duty of care" to ensure safe playing conditions for all their teams and any officials involved. With this in mind the DC Chairperson or the E&DJSA Executive may suspend any official, coach, parent, spectator or team until a resolution has been determined.
3. The DC Chairperson and the DC tribunal have discretionary powers to impose punishments as they see fit. These discretionary powers have been formulated with and authorised by the E&DJSA Executive.
4. Email is the preferred method of communication and all email should be sent to edjsa@bold.net.au. Surface mail reports can be sent to "E&DJSA General Secretary, Attn DC Chairman, PO Box 888 Salisbury SA, 5108."
5. All communication will be done through the club involved and any letter/document of judgment will be sent to that club. The club will have 7 days from the date of that judgment to lodge an appeal and in accordance with E&DJSA By Law 26(e).
6. Noted below are explanatory statements that clubs should understand and some that clarify the terminologies that may be used in any letter/document explaining the judgment of the DC.

Note:

1. OIAL = Offensive, Insulting or Abusive Language
2. VC = Violent Conduct
3. SFP = Serious Foul Play
4. RPF = Refundable Payable Fine. If the same coach/official/parent/spectator or team re-offends any outstanding RPFs are forfeit.
5. All reports carry over for two seasons. Eg. Round 12 this season to Round 12 two years forward.
6. All RPFs are payable.
7. Any coach suspended for 12 months must re-apply to E&DJSA for a coaching position. Coaches will be re-assessed by the E&DJSA Executive and may be directed to attend supplementary coaching course before being re-considered for any coaching position within E&DJSA.

E&DJSA GENERAL DC POLICY 2017 (Section 3)

1. Email is the preferred method of communication for E&DJSA and all email should be sent to edjsa@bold.net.au. Surface mail reports can be sent to "E&DJSA General Secretary, Attn DC Chairman, PO Box 888 Salisbury SA, 5108"
2. All appeals are to be in writing and must be sent by and endorsed by the club concerned using the preferred communication method above along with all relevant information. Appeals CAN NOT be verbal they have to be in writing.
3. All hearings if required (DC Chairpersons discretion) are to be heard at a on a Tuesday evening, or at a time arranged by E&DJSA DC or Executive before the next competitive game.
4. Failure to attend a DC hearing or Executive appeal as directed will result in automatic suspension of teams, players, Club Officials, coaches or parents.
5. All Clubs have the right to see the DC relevant information on the match card and Referees reports concerning their teams, players, members, officials, parents or spectators.
6. Any coach, Club Official, parent or spectator proven to have used violent conduct, or offensive Insulting or abusive language, or threatening behavior in or around facilities used to conduct E&DJSA sanctioned games or training and the immediate vicinity of, minors (E&DJSA players including the U/18's competition, or EDRA officials [this includes club Referees Assistance - linesmen] under the age of 18) can be suspended from holding an official position with any E&DJSA Club and/or attending any E&DJSA sanctioned events.
7. Under E&DJSA Executives legal "duty of care" this Executive cannot allow minors (persons under the age of 18 including all persons participating in the E&DJSA U/18's competition) who are officials or players of this Association or of the EDRA to be placed in known physical or moral danger. Therefore any Club asked to attend an association DC hearing or Executive appeals hearing related to DC matters in some instances, as decided by the E&DJSA DC or Executive, may be directed to stand down from all E&DJSA authorised events any team, players, members, officials, coaches, parents or spectators until a resolution of the matter has been decided.

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| a) Team | -Suspended from competition. |
| b) Player | -Suspended from playing. |
| c) Coach | -Suspended from coaching. |
| d) Official | -Must stand down from the Club. |
| e) Single Parent | -Banned from E&DJSA sanctioned games. |
| f) Single Spectator | -Banned from E&DJSA sanctioned games. |
| g) Multiple Parents | -Team withdrawn from competition. |
| h) Multiple Spectators | -Team withdrawn from competition. |

8. Any team suspended from E&DJSA competition pending the outcome of a DC matter will forfeit all games until the DC decision is handed down. If the matter is proven and at the discretion of the League Secretary any forfeited games may stand and points and goals allocated as per the E&DJSA constitution.

E&DJSA DC – OFFENCE SEVERITY RATING (Section 4)

Offense Game	Level	Description	Extra
Red Card in Game	0	Mandatory 1 game Suspension	0
Second Yellow card in Game	0	Mandatory 1 game Suspension	0
Accumulation of Yellow Cards	0	As laid down in the policy, mandatory 1 game suspension	0
	1	Continued accumulation of yellow cards, (at the discretion of the DC)	1 or more

Violent Conduct

1	Player Single Strike Retaliation - slap
2	Player Single Strike Initiation/Retaliation – punch
3	Player Cause Injury to Player
4	Player Fighting
5	Player Melee or continued Violent Conduct, Player uncontrollable

Serious Foul Play

1	Bad Tackle
2	Reckless Tackle
3	Dangerous Tackle
4	Intentional Dangerous/Reckless Tackle
5	Continued reckless/dangerous behavior, player uncontrollable

Insulting Offensive &

1	Player Outburst to Self audible by spectators – Sunday game players may be given leniency dependent on referee's discretion and/or report circumstance
2	Player Outburst to Player. Religious or Sexual Vilification. Player Foul or Abusive Language, Outburst at spectators, Offensive questioning of Referee
3	Player Outburst to Referee, Player Racial slur on Ref or Player
4	Player continued outburst to players or spectators
5	Player continued abuse of Referee or is uncontrollable

Spitting

1	Player Accidental on Player.
2	Player Onto Torso of Player, Player spitting on hand before shaking hands
3	Player into Face of Player
4	Player continued at player
5	Player at/onto Referee

E&DJSA DC – OFFENCE SEVERITY RATING (Section 4) cont.

Offense Game	Level	Description	Extra
Two Yellow Cards in the	1	Remonstrate against ref on the way off field	
	2	Continued demonstration against ref on sideline	
	3	Violent conduct off field after sendoff	
	4	Continued violent conduct off field after sendoff	
	5	Player uncontrollable off field after sendoff	
Deny Goal Scoring by	1	Remonstrate against ref on the way off field	
	2	Continued demonstration against ref on sideline	
	3	Violent conduct off field after sendoff	
	4	Continued violent conduct off field after sendoff	
	5	Player uncontrollable off field after sendoff	
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	2	Continued demonstration against ref on sideline	
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	4	Continued violent conduct off field after sendoff	
	5	Player uncontrollable off field after sendoff	
Adults – Spectators,	0	Dissent, Interruption of game, behavior unbecoming an adult at a junior game	
	1	Minor violent behavior, continued dissent, Outburst of insulting offensive or abusive language	
	2	Continued dissent, continued violent behavior, continued offensive insulting and abusive language	
	3	Continued dissent, continued violent behavior, continued offensive insulting and abusive language	
	4	Continued dissent, continued violent behavior, continued offensive insulting and abusive language	
	5	Person fails to change behaviors after completing punishment, Person fails to serve punishment	

E&DJSA DC – OFFENCE SEVERITY RATING (Section 4) cont.

Notes:

- 1 Any person reported can be a player, coach, official spectator or parent. It is the responsibility of the **Club** to ensure any DC punishments laid down are complied with and/or completed.
- 2 Any person requested to appear before the DC and fails to do so is automatically suspended till they do appear, and any resultant judgements laid down have been complied with or completed by that person.
- 3 Any person may be automatically suspended as from the time/day of the official report if the DC and/or E&DJSA Exec determine that their legal "Duty of Care" responsibility would require such an action.
- 4 **Suspension does mean from:**
 - All authorised E&DJSA activities at the Club;
 - When E&DJSA players may be in the club
 - When the canteen is run for E&DJSA players
 - When any E&DJSA activity is run at the club
 - All Training;
 - All Games;