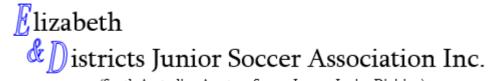


DISCIPLINARY POLICY





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1. OBJECTIVES AND APPLICATION OF THE REGULATIONS

- 1.1 These Regulations apply to any infringement of the Laws of the Game by any Participant during a Match played in the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association League.
- 1.2 These Regulations are mandatory and are designed to ensure that appropriate standards of behaviour are upheld on the field of play in a consistent manner.
- 1.3 Ensure that all Club Associates and Match Officials observe the Laws of the Game, Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association Constitution, Competition Rules, Regulations, and policies.
- 1.4 Ensure that Soccer is played competitively and in the spirit of fair play in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
- 1.5 To ensure consistency and transparency in the handling of all disciplinary, dispute and conduct matters involving Members under these Regulations.

2. LAWS OF THE GAME

- 2.1 All Matches must be conducted and officiated in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
- A Referee, from the time of entering the field of play for a pre-match inspection for a Match until leaving the field of play after the Match ends (including kicks from the penalty mark), may make all disciplinary action as specified in the Laws of the Game and, in particular, Law 5;
- 2.3 Any Yellow Card or Red Card issued during a Match must be identified by the Referee.
 - Yellow Cards issued must list the number and team of the infringing Player on the Match Card.
 - Red Cards issued must list the number and team of the infringing Player on the Match Card. A Referee's report to be completed listing number and team of the player, the type of infringement by reference to the codes in sub-clauses 2.7, time that the infringement occurred in the Match and further details of the incident.



Yellow Cards

- 2.4 A Yellow Card is issued for a minor infringement of the Laws of the Game and is a warning from the Referee to a Player during a Match to sanction unsporting behaviour of a less serious nature.
- 2.5 A Yellow Card is issued by the Referee for the following cautionable offences specified at Law 12 of the Laws of the Game:

Minor Infringements - Yellow Card (Caution)

- Unsporting behaviour.
- Dissent by word or action.
- Persistent infringements of the Laws of the Game.
- Delaying the restart of play.
- Failure to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick or throw-in.
- Entering, re-entering or deliberately leaving the field of play without the Referee's permission.

Red Cards

- 2.6 A Red Card is issued for a serious infringement of the Laws of the Game and is the order given by the Referee to a Player (including a substitute) to leave the vicinity of the field of play and the technical area, including the substitutes' bench, during a Match.
- 2.7 A Red Card is issued by the Referee for the following sending-off offences specified at Law 12 of the Laws of the Game:

Serious Infringements - Red Card (Expulsion) Codes

SFP Serious foul play. VC Violent conduct.

SP Spitting at an opponent or any other person.

GSO - HB Denying the opposing team, a goal, or an obvious goal scoring opportunity by

deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within his or her own

penalty area).

GSO - PO Otherwise denying a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent as

prescribed by Law 12 of the Laws of the Game.

OIAL Using offensive, insulting, or abusive language and/orgestures.

SC Receiving a second caution in the same match.

2.8 A Red Card is regarded as a Direct Red Card if it sanctions all of the above items except SC and an Indirect Red Card if it is the result of the accumulation of two (2) Yellow Cards (SC) in the same Match.



2.9 A player who has been sent off under category GSO- HB, GSO- PO and SC must serve a minimum mandatory 1 match suspension. The match that the player is to be suspended from is (unless the Disciplinary Committee determines in exceptional circumstances otherwise) in the next

Competitive Match following the match in which the player was sent off.

2.10 A player who has been sent off under category SFP, VC, SP and OIAL shall be suspended automatically and shall remain suspended until such time as his case has been dealt with by the Disciplinary Committee, administrative or via Disciplinary Hearing as the case may be.

2.11 A player who has been reported under category SFP, VC, SP and OIAL prior to or post-match shall be suspended upon notification from the Disciplinary Chairman and shall remain suspended until such time as his case has been dealt with by the Disciplinary Committee, administrative or via Disciplinary Hearing as the case may be.

2.12 For certainty, the league will send a disciplinary notice of the match suspension with the required period of suspension set out on it. However, the match suspension is effective regardless of whether or not the notice is received.

- 2.13 Players sent off during the course of any match must remove themselves from the pitch and sideline as quickly as possible and are NOT eligible to:
 - (a) spectate the remainder of the game;
 - (b) take part in any other fixture on that day;
 - (c) act in any official role for any other team playing in the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association.

Expulsion of Team Official

- 2.14 In accordance with Law 5 of the Laws of the Game, a Referee may act against a Team Official who fails to act in a responsible manner and may Expel the Team Official from the field of play and its immediate surrounds, including the substitutes' bench.
- 2.15 A Team Official who has been expelled under category SFP, VC, SP and OIAL and shall be suspended automatically and shall remain suspended until such time as his case has been dealt with by the Disciplinary Committee or the Executive Committee as the case may be.
- 2.16 A Team Official who has been reported under category SFP, VC, SP and OIAL prior to or post-match shall be suspended upon notification from the Disciplinary Chairman and shall remain suspended until such time as his case has been dealt with by the Disciplinary Committee or the Executive Committee as the case may be.
- 2.17 Team Official Expelled during the course of any match (game) is NOT eligible to:
 - (a) take part in any other fixture on that day;
 - (b) act in any official role including as a player or Team Official for any other team playing in the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association.



3. AUTHORITIES AND JURISDICTION

3.1 The Referee:

- (a) controls each Match and has the authority to enforce the Laws of the Game in each Match to which he or she has been appointed;
- (b) makes all disciplinary decisions during a Match and those decisions (subject to the limited exceptions contained in these Regulations) are final;
- (c) has the powers, duties, and authority:
 - I. as specified in the Laws of the Game and, in particular, Law 5;
 - II. to take disciplinary action as prescribed by the Laws of the Game as and from the moment he or she enters the field of play for pre-match inspection until he or she leaves the field of play after the match ends (including any kicks from the penalty mark);
 - III. ability to report a player, team official and spectator for Violent conduct, spitting at an opponent or any other person; offensive, insulting, or abusive language and/or gestures prior to or preceding the match;
- (d) at the end of each match, must complete the Match Card with any yellow cards, red cards or reportable incidences given during the match and must submit the Referee's Report providing details of any Red Cards issued during the match to the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association who will determine if additional action is to be taken in accordance with sub-clause 3.2.

3.2 Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association:

- (a) may determine that an infringement resulting in a Direct Red Card for a Player or Expulsion of a Team Official warrants a sanction greater than the Mandatory Match Suspension, including additional match suspensions in accordance with Addendum 1 Disciplinary Offences and Sanctions/Suspensions;
- (b) may convene a Judicial Body to make determinations as required under these Regulations;
- (c) may cite a Participant to appear before its Disciplinary Committee in relation to:
 - I. a Red Card
 - II. an Expulsion; or
 - III. a serious infringement that has escaped the Referee's attention;
- (d) must give effect to the sanctions applied pursuant to these Regulations and, where appropriate, impose further sanctions if a Participant contravenes the terms of a sanction; and may exercise any of the powers granted to it under these Regulations.



3.3 A Disciplinary Committee:

- (a) has jurisdiction to hear, and must determine, matters that have been referred to it in accordance with these Regulations;
- (b) is empowered to deal with alleged violations of the Laws of the Game as reported by the Referee with an official referee's report or by an Executive Member.
- (c) must impose such sanctions as are authorised and appropriate to the determination, which may include sanctioning a:
 - I. Player in relation to a Direct Red Card;
 - II. Team Official in relation to an Expulsion;
 - III. Player or Team Official in relation to a serious infringement that has escaped the Referee's attention; and
- (d) shall comprise a minimum of:
 - Disciplinary Chairperson
 - one (1) member of the Executive Committee
 - one (1) member of the Elizabeth & Districts Referees Association and
 - two (2) members to be appointed by the Council of Clubs

A necessary quorum for the Disciplinary Committee shall be three (3);

- (e) may request the attendance of any person under their jurisdiction of these procedures as a witness for the purpose of asking questions relevant to the infringement.
- 3.4 An appeals committee has jurisdiction to hear appeals from a Disciplinary Committee decision in accordance with these Regulations and must determine appeals, including imposition of any sanction.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE DEALING

- 4.1 This section applies only in relation to penalties to be imposed under sub-clause 2.9, 2.10 and 2.11.
- 4.2 The Disciplinary Committee may in its absolute discretion but subject to sub-clause 4.4 below, choose to deal with the period of suspension to be imposed on a player, administratively.
- 4.3 A player dealt with Administratively will be sent a Disciplinary Infringement Notice.
- 4.4 Where the Disciplinary Committee receives notice, within 2 days of the match in which the player is sent off, that the player wishes to make submissions to the Discipline Committee and/or call evidence, then the matter must not be dealt with Administratively.
- 4.5 The usual rights of appeal apply in respect of any decision made under this clause.
- 4.6 Any Administrative decision made under this clause will be made on the basis of the information appearing in the referee's report, which information will be presumed to be correct.
- 4.7 Where a suspended player makes application for a hearing in accordance with the application form in Appendix 2 Application for a Hearing, or where the Disciplinary Committee deems it appropriate, a disciplinary hearing will be convened to hear any matter that comes before the Disciplinary Committee and the matter cannot be dealt with Administratively.



5. DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS

- 5.1 The Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association or Judicial Body:
 - (a) may impose the types of sanctions as specified in the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association Constitution; and
 - (b) subject to sub-clause 5.4, must determine the scope and duration of each sanction in accordance with the Range outlined in Appendix 1 Disciplinary Offences and Sanctions/Suspensions Table of Offences.
- 5.2 A Player who receives a Red Card, or a Team Official who is Expelled by the Referee, must serve at least a one (1) match Mandatory Match Suspension.
- 5.3 A Player must serve a Mandatory Match Suspension for the accumulation of Yellow Cards and Red Cards in accordance with clauses 6 and 7 respectively.
- 5.4 A sanction outside of the Range at the Table of Offences may be imposed only in Exceptional Circumstances that must be detailed in either the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association's Disciplinary Infringement Notice or the Judicial Body's Determination (as the case requires) provided always that the Mandatory Match Suspension referred to in sub-clause 5.2 must always be served.
- 5.5 If, in the case of a group of Participants, it is not possible to identify the instigators, the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association or a Judicial Body may sanction the Club to which the aggressors belong.

6. ACCUMULATION OF YELLOW CARDS

- 6.1 Player/Team Official who accumulates a certain number of Yellow Cards during the course of a Competition must serve Mandatory Match(es) Suspension as specified in sub-clause 6.3.
- 6.2 A Player/Team Official who is cautioned by the referee for any of the offences set out in sub-clause 2.5 will be debited with one caution for each offence and the accumulation of cautions will be dealt with as periods of automatic suspension pursuant to the following sub-rule 6.3.
- 6.3 Periods of suspension for accumulated cautions are as follows:
 - 4 cautions = 1 match
 - 8 cautions = 2 matches
 - 10 cautions = 3 matches

A Player/Team Official that receives 10 cautions (or more) in the course of the season will be referred to appear before the Disciplinary Committee and may be subject to additional sanctions.

6.4 In the event of a player changing clubs, any cautions accumulated by that player at the time of his transfer shall be carried forward to his registration with his new club.



- 6.5 If a Player/Team Official receives two Yellow Cards during the same Match and therefore receives an Indirect Red Card, the two Yellow Cards will be expunged from his or her record.
- 6.6 If a Player/Team Official receives a Yellow Card and then a Direct Red Card in the same Match, the Yellow Card will not be expunged and will be counted in the Player's accumulation of Yellow Cards.
- 6.7 The accumulation of Yellow Cards will be reset at the end of the last Match of the regular season, including Challenge Cup Matches and finals series. This means that Yellow Cards accumulated in a season do not carry over to the next regular season. Match suspensions incurred as a result of the accumulation of Yellow Cards will not, however, be cancelled.
- 6.8 Players'/Team Officials suspension for caution accumulation shall begin and end on dates notified to the player's/Team Officials club by the Association.

7. ACCUMULATION OF RED CARDS

- 7.1 Competition Rules must specify that a Player/Team Official who accumulates a certain number of Direct Red Cards during the course of the season must serve Mandatory Match Suspension as specified.
- 7.2 Where a Player/Team Official that receives multiple Red Cards during the course of the Season, in either a Non-Competitive and/or Competitive Match, the Player/Team Official will be sanctioned with an additional mandatory match suspension in addition to any other sanctions that may be determined.
 - 2 Red Card = 1 additional match suspension
 - 3 Red Card = 2 additional Match suspensions.
 - 4 Red Card = 3 additional match suspensions.

If a Player/Team Official receives 4 or more Red Cards, the Player/Team Official will be referred to appear before the Disciplinary Committee.

8. SPECTATORS

- 8.1 The Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association or Judicial Body:
 - (a) may impose the types of sanctions as specified in the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association Constitution; and
 - (b) subject to sub-clause 5.4, must determine the scope and duration of each sanction in accordance with the Range outlined in Appendix 1 Disciplinary Offences and Sanctions/Suspensions Table of Offences.
- 8.2 EDJSA Spectator Code of Conduct, Terms of Admission and venue conditions applies to all Spectators attending any Match under the jurisdiction of EDJSA.



- 8.3 The Disciplinary and Appeal Committee has jurisdiction to issue sanctions against Spectators.
- 8.4 EDJSA Disciplinary Rules for Spectators Yellow Cards apply in the instance where the infringing spectator(s) cannot be identified, and the referee has issued a Yellow Card to the spectators during a match.
- 8.5 A spectator reported for infringement under category outlined Appendix 1 Disciplinary Offences and Sanctions/Suspensions shall be suspended from attending EDJSA matches upon notification from the Disciplinary Chairman and shall remain suspended until such time as his case has been dealt with by the Disciplinary Committee, administrative or via Disciplinary Hearing as the case may be.
- 8.6 A spectator while suspended by EDJSA is NOT permitted to attend any sanctioned EDJSA fixtures or act in any official role including as a Player or Team Official for any other team playing in the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association.
- 8.7 If, in the case of a Spectator(s), it is not possible to identify the instigator(s) for any offence, the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association or a Judicial Body may sanction the Club to which the aggressor(s) belong.
- 8.8 Any ban imposed by an Affiliated Club or Affiliated Association may be endorsed and applied by EDJSA across all matches.

9. MISCELLANEOUS PENALTY PROVISIONS

9.1 In the case of the following breaches, the punishment shall be as follows:

Clubs Playing Suspended Players

- 9.2 Clubs charged with playing a player who is under suspension shall appear before the Disciplinary Committee and if the charge is found proven the Disciplinary Committee may at its discretion:
 - Award the match, and any applicable championship points for a win, to the opposing team, and/or;
 - Fine the club an amount not exceeding \$200, and/or;
 - Suspend the club for a given number of weeks, and/or;
 - Impose such other penalty as is deemed appropriate for the offence.
- 9.3 Whenever a club is found guilty of fielding one or more suspended players during a League competition match, the club shall, in addition to any other penalties imposed by the Disciplinary Committee, forfeit League championship points from the League the offending player was fielded.
- 9.4 Whenever a club is found guilty of fielding one or more suspended players during a Challenge Cup match, the club shall, in addition to any other penalties imposed by the Disciplinary Committee, forfeit the Challenge Cup match from the League the offending player was fielded.



10. DUAL SUSPENSIONS TREATED CUMULATIVELY

10.1 A player who is suspended by the Disciplinary Committee or who has an automatic suspension imposed for a send-off offence and who is also subject to suspension through separate incidents, and/or for having accumulated 4, 8 or 10 cautions shall serve any periods of suspension cumulatively, that is, one being added to the other.

11. CLUB, TEAM & PARTICIPANTS MISCONDUCT

Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association may impose additional disciplinary sanctions on a Club for the misconduct of a Team, including when:

- (a) five (5) Players receive a Yellow Card or Red Card during one (1) Match;
- (b) three (3) Players receive a Red Card during one (1) Match;
- (c) Players, Coaches, Club Officials and/or Supporters together make threats or show force against a Match Official;
- (d) A Club's Players, Coaches, Club Officials and/or Supporters engage in a melee or brawl in connection with a Match, including before, during and/or at the conclusion.
- (e) At the discretion of the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association, any matter may be referred to the Disciplinary Committee for consideration as permitted under the Disciplinary Rules and Regulations.

12. NOTICE

Disciplinary Infringement Notice

- 12.1 The imposition of a Mandatory Match Suspension is immediate. Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association will send a Disciplinary Infringement Notice notifying the Participant (through his or her Club) of the Mandatory Match Suspension, provided always that the Mandatory Match Suspension is effective regardless of whether or not such notice is received.
- 12.2 If the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association has determined under sub-clause 3.2 that an Offence by a Participant was such as to warrant a sanction in addition to the Mandatory Match Suspension, the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association must send a Disciplinary Infringement Notice notifying the Participant (through his or her Club) of the details of the Offence and of the disciplinary sanction imposed.

Disciplinary Hearing Notice

- 12.3 If the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association cites a Participant under sub-clause 3.2 to appear before a Disciplinary Committee, the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association must send a Disciplinary Hearing Notice to the Participant (through his or her Club).
- 12.4 The Disciplinary Hearing Notice must provide:
 - (a) reasonable detail of the alleged Offence;
 - (b) notice of possible sanctions; and
 - (c) date, time and place of the disciplinary hearing.



13. DISCIPLINARY HEARING PROCEDURES AND RIGHT OF APPEAL

- 13.1 Each Member is bound by the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association Constitution, Policies and By-Law.
- 13.2 Subject to sub-clause 13.3, a Participant may appeal the disciplinary sanction imposed in a Disciplinary Infringement Notice by notifying the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association within the timeframe, and in accordance with the procedures, set down by the Association bylaw 24. In the absence of Judicial Body hearing procedures being prescribed by the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association, any appeal of a disciplinary sanction must be in accordance with subclauses 13.4 to 13.13 and the following principles:
 - (a) if a Participant wishes to appeal the disciplinary sanction imposed in a Disciplinary Infringement Notice under these Regulations, the Applicant must do so in accordance with the application form in Appendix 3 Appeal Against Disciplinary Committee Decision within seven (7) days of the date the Disciplinary Infringement Notice was issued;
 - (b) an Applicant's written application to appeal the disciplinary sanction referred to in subclause 13.2(a) above must be signed by the Applicant and contain the following mandatory information (in addition to any other information prescribed by the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association):
 - I. the name and contact details of the Applicant;
 - II. the date on which the event the subject of the appeal took place;
 - III. a statement summarising the alleged facts and any legal arguments including the application of the relevant provision(s) of these Regulations to the facts; and
 - (c) whether the Applicant is appealing the decision to issue a sanction or is seeking the imposition of a lesser sanction; and
 - (d) an Applicant may indicate the urgency of a matter.
- 13.3 A Mandatory Match Suspension cannot be appealed.
- 13.4 An appeal of an Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association's disciplinary sanction must be heard by the Appeals Committee. When determining any appropriate sanction, an Appeals Committee may consider:
 - (a) the nature and severity of the infringement;
 - (b) the Participant's past record and whether or not the Offence committed is a repeated Offence;
 - (c) the culpability of the Participant (including whether or not the infringement was intentional, negligent or reckless);
 - (d) any reasons prompting the Participant to commit the infringement;
 - (e) the remorse of the Participant; and
 - (f) any extenuating circumstances relevant to the commission of the Offence.



- 13.5 All decisions of a Disciplinary Committee remain in force unless varied by the Appeals Committee.
- 13.6 An appeal hearing shall commence at the next meet of the appropriate Appeals Committee after the Appeal Notice's being properly lodged as per the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association bylaws.
- 13.7 A disciplinary hearing is not bound by the rules of evidence that apply to proceedings in a court of law. However, all disciplinary hearings must be conducted in accordance with the principles of natural justice, including that the parties:
 - (a) are treated with equality;
 - (b) have reasonable and sufficient notice of the alleged Offence; and
 - (c) have the opportunity to be heard and to make submissions in relation to the issues of merit and sanction.
- 13.8 If a matter has the potential to become complex or lengthy, a Judicial Body may order an adjournment for the purpose of setting a timetable for the submission of materials by each party. If a party fails to comply with the timetable as determined by the directions hearing without showing sufficient cause, the Judicial Body may continue the proceedings and make a determination on the materials before it.
- 13.9 A Judicial Body has the right to determine all procedures to be adopted in a disciplinary hearing and may during the course of any hearing:
 - (a) grant or order an adjournment to provide parties with additional time or to consider additional evidence;
 - (b) admit or request the production of documents or any relevant written evidence available to a Participant or any other person, including a Referee's Report, declarations from the parties and witnesses, expert opinion and video or audio recordings; or
 - (c) order the attendance of any person for the purpose of asking questions relevant to the alleged Offence.
- 13.10 Facts contained in a Referee's Report are presumed to be accurate.
- 13.11 At a disciplinary hearing:
 - (a) a Participant or a representative of the Club (as the case may be) must attend in person;
 - (b) the player, the League and any Club involved in the hearing may be represented by an officer, member or by any other person providing the names have been communicated to the other parties in advance of the hearing;
 - (c) an entity (such as Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association, Elizabeth & Districts Referee Association or Affiliated Club) may be represented by an officer of that party;
 - (d) a Judicial Body may in its sole and absolute discretion, refuse entry to any person who is not directly involved in the matter, including the media; and
 - (e) any witness that a party intends to call to give evidence in a hearing must remain outside the hearing room until called to give evidence.





13.12 Hearings and deliberations by a Judicial Body must be held behind closed doors.

13.13 If a party fails to attend a hearing without showing sufficient cause for such failure, the matter may be heard and determined in that party's absence, including any determination on the merits and/or sanction. OR at the discretion of the Discipline Committee, the party will remain suspended until they are available to attend a hearing in person.

14. APPEAL PROCEDURE

- 14.1 The Appeal Committee will determine the proper procedure to be followed at any appeal.
- 14.2 Where the appeal is from a decision made in an oral disciplinary hearing (as opposed to an administrative hearing), the Appeal Committee will only permit further or new evidence to be tendered to it in exceptional circumstances.
- 14.3 Where the appeal is from a decision was made in an administrative process, the parties before the Appeal Committee shall be permitted to call witnesses to give evidence and to tender real and documentary evidence.

15. FEES

- 15.1 The requesting party will be liable to pay all fees relating to disciplinary hearing or appeals, that is heard in full by the Disciplinary Committee, and not Administratively, as outlined in the EDJSA bylaws.
- 15.2 Upon receipt of the request for a hearing the fee outlined will be required to be paid in line with bylaw 26.

16. RECORDS and PUBLICATION

- 16.1 The League shall keep a record of all disciplinary and appeal hearings.
- 16.2 The League will not, publish the results of disciplinary hearings, penalties and sanctions.



17. IMPLEMENTATION OF DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS

Fines

- 17.1 Any fines imposed under this Policy will be added to the clubs next invoice and to be paid by the nominated due date.
- 17.2 All fines will be in line with EDJSA Bylaws and Constitution
- 17.3 A Club is liable for a fine imposed on one of its Participants (even if that Participant subsequently leaves that Club).

Effect of suspension

17.4 A match suspension means a ban from taking part in any Match to which the ban relates or to attend in an official capacity.

A Player/Team Official is not permitted while suspended to:

- Act in an official capacity or as a player in <u>ANY</u> Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association fixtures.
- Stand in the Technical Area.
- Enter the field of play for any reason.
- Warm up or interact with his or her team while in the field of play.

A Player/Team Official is permitted while suspended to:

- Attend mid-week training sessions with his or her team.
- Attend match(es) in a spectator capacity only.
- Attend his or her team/club functions.

A spectator is not permitted to attend the venue of any Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association affiliated club during a sanctioned EDJSA fixtures while suspended.

- 17.5 Unless otherwise specified by the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association or a Judicial Body, a Participant who receives a suspension for an Offence in a Match forming part of the Competition must serve that suspension in the next following Match forming part of the regular season or Challenge Cup Competition in which his or her Team participates. For the avoidance of doubt, suspensions carry over from one round to the next in the same Competition, including from the pre-season to the regular season to the Challenge Cup and any final's series and to the following season.
- 17.6 A Participant, who receives a Mandatory Match Suspension in an Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association sanctioned match non-competition (friendly) match, must serve that suspension in his or her Team's next Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association sanctioned match (friendly or forming part of a Competition). A Participant who receives a match suspension in addition to a Mandatory Match Suspension for a Direct Red Card or Expulsion Offence that occurs in a Friendly, may be required by the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association Judicial Body to serve the suspension in the next Matches (forming part of a Competition) in which his or her Team participates (rather than the next Friendly).



17.7 A suspension imposed in terms of Matches on a Participant from an Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association league game will only affect that Participant's participation in Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association league games.

Suspended sanctions

- 17.8 Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association or Judicial Body may suspend part of a sanction only in accordance with sub-clauses 17.9 to 17.11.
- 17.9 Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association or Judicial Body may order that part of the match suspension:
 - (a) comes into immediate effect; and
 - (b) a Refundable Payable Fine to be paid by the affiliate club.
 - (c) the other part does not come into effect unless and until an additional Offence (excluding Yellow Card or Indirect Red Card offences) is committed during a specified probationary period (i.e. is suspended).
- 17.10 If Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association or Judicial Body imposes a suspension where part is suspended under sub-clause 17.8:
 - (a) the part of the sanction that comes into immediate effect must be at least the minimum sanction prescribed under the Table of Offences;
 - (b) the length of the probation period must be a period between 2 months and 18 months;
 - (c) the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association or Judicial Body must specify the types of Offences (excluding Yellow Card and Indirect Red Card offences) which, if committed, activate the suspended part of the suspension;
 - (d) the suspension must be continuous and not structured in more than one (1) part or in any way that allows the Participant to serve the suspension in a fragmented way by participating in certain matches (in whatever Competition) and then resuming the suspension; and
 - (e) no part of a sanction for an Offence may be suspended which results in a Participant serving less than the minimum sanction prescribed under the Table of Offences.
- 17.11 If a Participant commits an Offence (excluding a Yellow Card or an Indirect Red Card offence) during a probationary period that triggers the suspended part of a sanction (Further Offence), the suspended sanction must be served in addition to any sanction that is imposed for the Further Offence.

Refundable Payable Fine

17.12 A Refundable Payable Fine is an amount set down by the Discipline Committee on an affiliate club where part of a participant sanction will be suspended. Where the participant does not commit an offence during the probation period the fine will be refunded to the club. Where a Participant commits an offence during the probation period this fine will be forfeited.





18. TRANSFERS AND OFF-SEASON

- 18.1 The following guiding principles apply to situations where a suspended Participant transfers Clubs and/or where a Participant's suspension applies during his or her Club's off-season:
 - (a) a Participant serves his or her suspension in his or her Club's next official Match(es) forming part of a Competition (being the Competition in which the Offence was committed, and suspension incurred, or another Competition);
 - (b) where an Offence is committed and suspension incurred by a Participant with one Club and that Participant transfers to a new Club, that Participant will be required to serve the remainder of that suspension with the new Club;
 - (c) during the period in which a Participant is suspended, a Participant subject to a suspension may not participate in any Match(es), but may participate in Friendlies unless determined otherwise by the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association or Judicial Body;
 - (d) sanctions operate so that the full amount of the sanction imposed, after applying the Range at the Table of Offences, is actually served in Matches forming part of a Competition; and
 - (e) in relation to serving suspensions, the timing of when a sanction is imposed and the time period where the relevant Participant's Club is not participating in Matches forming part of a Competition should not produce a different result for Participants committing like Offences.

Eligibility and suspensions

- 18.2 A Participant who is suspended must serve his or her suspension in his or her Club's next official Match forming part of a Competition (being the Competition in which the Offence was committed, and suspension incurred, or another Competition).
- 18.3 Subject to sub-clause 17.6 (Friendlies), a Participant who is suspended may not participate in any Match until he or she has served his or her suspension in Matches forming part of a Competition, provided that a Participant may participate in Friendlies during the period of suspension unless the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association or Judicial Body determines otherwise.
- 18.4 A suspended Participant transferring to a new Club will be required to serve the remainder of that suspension with the new Club and will not be permitted to play or act in an official capacity (such as a Team Official) until the suspension has been served in its entirety with his or her new Club in Matches forming part of a Competition.
- 18.5 If a Participant is under suspension and transfers to a new Club, that suspension must be disclosed by the Participant on any applicable registration form.
- 18.6 If a Participant is under suspension and transfers to a new Club, the new club will be expected to pay the set Refundable Payable Fine as per 17.9 and 17.12. Once received the Participant old club will have their Refundable Payable Fine returned to them.



19. EFFECT OF ABANDONED MATCHES

19.1 If a suspension is to be served in terms of matches, only those matches actually played count towards the execution of the suspension. If a Match is abandoned, cancelled or forfeited on the day of the scheduled match, a suspension is only considered to be served if the Team to which the suspended Participant belongs is not responsible for the conduct that led to the abandonment, cancellation or forfeiture.

Note:

- Where the Round is abandoned by the league due to unforeseen circumstances a suspension is not considered to be served and will be served in the next competitive match.
- Where a match is abandoned by the referee for any reason a suspension is not considered to be served and will be served in the next competitive match.
- 19.2 All Yellow and Red Cards issued during an abandoned Match will be upheld, regardless of whether the Match is replayed or not.

20. COMMUNICATIONS

Participants must not use electronic communication systems during a Match unless it is approved by the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association Executive Committee. Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association may sanction a Club, and/or a Club's Participants, for any use of unapproved electronic communication systems in.

21. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

Appeals Committee means the appeals committee constituted by Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association in accordance with its bylaw procedure that has jurisdiction over a Competition.

Bylaw means the bylaws issued and governed by the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association

Club means any club registered with the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association.

Code of conduct means standard, and expectation of behaviour set out for everyone who attends or attends involved in Matches played in the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association League including administrators, coaches, officials, players, parents and spectators.

Competition means any competition, Challenge Cup, tournament or league conducted by the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association.

Challenge Cup means a knockout competition conducted by the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association.



Competition Rules mean the rules and regulations governing the administration and conduct of a Competition.

Disciplinary Appeal Hearing Notice means the notice issued by Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association to a Participant citing him or her to appear before a Disciplinary Committee to be heard in relation to and Appeal against a disciplinary sanction or appeal for a lessor sanction.

Disciplinary Committee means the disciplinary committee constituted by Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association in accordance with its bylaw procedure that has jurisdiction over a Competition.

Disciplinary Hearing Notice means the notice issued by Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association to a Participant citing him or her to appear before a Disciplinary Committee to be heard in relation to an alleged Offence (not including an Indirect Red Card Offence) and possible disciplinary sanction.

Disciplinary Infringement Notice means the notice issued by Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association to a Participant notifying of the disciplinary sanction imposed for the Offence committed by that Participant.

Direct Red Card means a Red Card issued for the sending-off offences R1 to R6 as defined in subclause 2.7.

Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association means the entity responsible for the conduct and staging of a Competition.

Exceptional Circumstances means circumstances operating at the time of the Direct Red Card or Expulsion Offence and relating to the commission of the Offence and not to the impact a sanction may have on the Participant. Without limitation, the following are deemed not to be Exceptional Circumstances:

- (a) the significance or importance to the Participant or his or her Club of the Match in which the Offence was committed;
- (b) the significance or importance of any match or tournament in which the Participant will be ineligible to participate because of the imposition of a sanction within the Range at the Table of Offences;
- (c) the point in the Match at which the Offence was committed;
- (d) the conduct, including actions, words or gestures of any Participant of the opposing team during or related to the Match; and
- (e) any disciplinary decision taken or failure to take a disciplinary decision by the Referee during the Match.

Executive Committee refers to the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association Committee.



Friendly or Friendlies means any Match participated in by a Club as sanctioned by Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association, which is not part of a Competition.

Indirect Red Card means a Red Card issued for the sending-off offence R7 as defined in sub-clause 2.7.

Judicial Body means a Disciplinary Committee or Appeals Committee.

Laws of the Game means the official Laws of the Game as drafted by the International Football Association Board and adopted by FIFA from time to time.

League Competition means a Competition that is not a Challenge Cup.

Mandatory Match Suspension means the automatic suspension from participating in a Match or Matches in accordance with, and subject to, these Regulations.

Match means any match played in Australia under the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association.

Match Official means a referee, assistant referee, fourth official, referee assessor, or any other person appointed by Elizabeth & Districts Referee Association or Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association in connection with the Match.

Offence means:

an offence listed in the Addendum 1 – Disciplinary Offences and Sanctions/Suspensions; or an Indirect Red Card.

Participant means a Player or a Team Official.

Player means any person who is, registered to a Club associated with the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association.

Range at the Table of Offences means, in relation to each Offence (other than an Indirect Red Card), the range bounded by the minimum and the maximum sanction prescribed in the Addendum 1 – Disciplinary Offences and Sanctions/Suspensions.

Red Card means an expulsion of a Player by the Referee for an infringement outlined at sub-clause 2.7.

Referee means the referee appointed by the Elizabeth & Districts Referee Association or under bylaw 24(b) for the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association to assume responsibility in connection with a Match.



Referee's Report means the report to be completed by a Referee at the end of each Match and submitted to the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association.

Regulations means these Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association Disciplinary Policy.

Spectator means a person who attends and watches a matches played in the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association League.

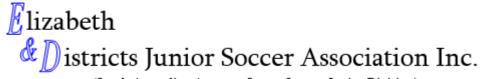
Table of Offences means the various offences that can be committed by a Participant contained in Addendum 1 – Disciplinary Offences and Sanctions/Suspensions.

Team means the team within a Club to which a Participant is usually a member of.

Team Official means any personnel involved with the management, preparation or participation of a Team or Club (whether paid or unpaid), including the coaches, managers, club committee and support staff.

Yellow Card means a caution of a Player by the Referee for an infringement outlined at sub-clause 2.5.





APPENDIX 1 – DISCIPLINARY OFFENCES AND SANCTIONS/SUSPENSIONS

SEND OFF CODES	DESCRIPTION	SUSPENSION	
CODES		MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
SFP	Serious Foul Play		
SFP Offences	(Examples)		•
	Violent Tackle from behind that endangers the safety of an	2 Matches	8 Matches
	opponent	2.84	
_	Two footed challenges	2 Matches	8 Matches
	Jumping into a tackle with one or both feet off the ground	2 Matches	12 Matches
	Violent Charging	2 Matches	8 Matches
VC	Violent Conduct		
VC Offences (Examples)	.	
	Charging or slapping an opponent	2 Matches	8 Matches
	Head Butting	3 Matches	Life
	Elbowing or punching not to the head	2 Matches	8 Matches
	Elbowing or Punching to the head	3 Matches	Life
	Kicking or stomping	2 Matches	10 Matches
	Inciting a brawl (melee) or continuous Violet Conduct	6 Matches	Life
SP	Spitting at, or biting an opponent or any other person		
	Accidentally spitting at an opponent or any other person	1 match	3 Matches
	Intentionally spitting at an opponent or any other person	6 Matches	12 Matches
	Intentionally biting an opponent or any other person	6 Matches	1 Year
GSO - HB	Denying Goalscoring Opportunity by deliberately Handball		
	Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goalscoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (except a goalkeeper within their penalty area)	1 Match	1 Match
GSO - PO	Denying Goalscoring Opportunity by Punishable Offence		
	Denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the opponent's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick	1 Match	1 Match
OIAL			
OIAL Offence	s (Examples)		
	Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures	2 Matches	1 Year
	Using threatening or intimidating language or action	3 Matches	1 Year
	Use of discriminatory language and/or gestures including ethnic, racist, religious or sexists	5 Matches	1 Year
SC	Second Caution (yellow card)		
	Receiving a second caution in the same Match.	1 Match	1 Match



OFFENCES BY TEAM, PARTICIPANTS OR SPECTATORS AGAINST MATCH OFFICIALS

DESCRIPTION	SUSPENSION	
Offences (Examples)	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Threatening or intimidating a Match Official by word or action	6 Matches	Life
Tripping a Match Official	6 Matches	Life
Pushing with open hand, shoulder or hip	6 months	Life
Striking with the ball or other object	6 Matches	Life
Punching, kicking, or elbowing	Life	Life
Spitting at or on a Match Official	1 Year	Life
Bitting a Match Official	1 Year	Life
Use of offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures against or about a Match Official	2 Matches	1 Year
Unsporting Conduct towards a Match Official	2 Matches	1 Year
Use of discriminatory language and/or gestures including ethnic, racist, religious or sexist	5 Matches	1 Year

OTHER OFFENCES BY TEAM, PARTICIPANTS OR SPECTATORS

DESCRIPTION		SUSPENSION	
Offences (Examples)		MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
	Inciting the Crowd	6 Matches	Life
	Attacking or fighting with Spectators	3 Months	Life
	Bringing the Game into Disrepute	6 Matches	Life
	Deliberately misleading the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association Disciplinary, Appeals or Executive Committee	10 Matches	2 Years
	Spitting at, on or towards other participants or Spectators	6 Matches	Life
	Biting other participants or Spectators	6 Matches	Life
	Entering the Field of Play	2 Matches	Life
	Use of offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures	5 Matches	1 Year
	Use of discriminatory language and/or gestures including ethnic, racist, religious or sexist	5 Matches	1 Year
	Removal of a Coach, Team or Club Official from the Technical Area	2 Matches	1 Year





APPENDIX 2 – APPLICATION FOR A HEARING FORM

Date			
Player/Officials Name			
Club			
Age Group & Division	Under	Division	
Date of Match			
Match against			
Details of offence (e.g. Red Card Offence R6 / Dismissal from Tech Area)			
ATTACHMENTS			
Player/Club Official Statements	Must be attached		
Witness Statement (s)	☐ Yes (attached)	□ No	
Other Statement (s)	☐ Yes (attached)	□ No	
Player/Club Officials Signature			
Club President/Secretary Signature			

Note:

An appeal against a Disciplinary Sanction imposed in a Disciplinary Infringement Notice must be:

- (a) Lodged within 3 days of the completion of the match in which the player was sent off;
- (b) MUST be accompanied by this form and include all documentation relevant to the appeal (player's statement and any witness or other statements);
- (c) enclosing the Appeal Fee, as outlined in Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association Disciplinary Rules for Players, Clubs & Other Participants: 15.1; and
- (d) addressed to the Secretary Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association at secretary@elizdists.com.au





APPENDIX 3 – APPEAL AGAINST DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE DECISION

Date				
Player/Club Officials Name				
Club				
Age Group & Division	Under	Division		
Date of Decision				
Decision Ref. No.				
Appeal is Against	☐ The Sanction	☐ Severity of Sanction		
ATTACHMENTS				
Disciplinary Committee Decision Notice	Copy must be attached			
Player/Club Official Statements	Must be attached			
Witness Statement (s)	☐ Yes (attached)	□ No		
Other Statement (s)	☐ Yes (attached)	□ No		
Player/Club Officials Signature				
Club President/Secretary Signature				

Note:

An appeal against a Disciplinary Committee Decision must be:

- (a) Lodged within 7 days of the date on which the Disciplinary Infringement Notice was received;
- (b) MUST be accompanied by this form and include all documentation relevant to the appeal (player's statement and any witness or other statements);
- (c) enclosing the Appeal Fee, as outlined in Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association Disciplinary Rules for Players, Clubs & Other Participants: 15.2; and
- (d) addressed to the Secretary Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association at secretary@elizdists.com.au





An appeal against a decision of the Disciplinary Committee will not be allowed unless the person seeking to appeal satisfies one or more of the following grounds of appeal are involved:

- (a) that significant new or additional evidence has become available;
- (b) that the penalty imposed by the Disciplinary Committee is excessive and/or not in accordance with the provisions of this policy;
- (c) that the Disciplinary Committee failed to follow procedures or requirements of the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association Disciplinary Policy to the significant detriment of the person seeking to appeal; or
- (d) that there is sufficient evidence to support an exemption under sub-clauses 5.1 and 5.2 of the Disciplinary Rules for Players, Clubs & Other Participants

The Disciplinary Committee will review the submitted documentation to assess whether the appeal has sufficient grounds to be heard. Documents supporting the charge, appeal conditions and notification of the date and time of the hearing will be forwarded to all parties as soon as an appeal is scheduled.



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APPENDIX 4 – DISCIPLINARY INFRINGEMENT NOTICE

	Date/			
Decision Ref. No Dat	re of Decision/			
To [Enter Club Name]				
RE: Disciplinary Infringement Notice for [Ente	<mark>r Player/Team Official Name</mark>]			
During the UXX Division X game on [Enter Day & Date] played between:				
[<mark>Enter Ho</mark>	me Team]			
ver	sus			
[<mark>Enter Aw</mark>	<mark>/ay Team</mark>]			
[Number XX] [Enter Player/Team Official Name above-mentioned match for violation of [list the	-			
It is the determination of the Disciplinary Complayer listed above will be suspended for [entermination]				
This suspension is to be severed in the next con Disciplinary Policy.	mpetitive game(s) in line with the EDJSA			
If you believe that there are some extenuating decision you may do so as per Clause 13 of the				
Yours Sincerely				
[DC Chairperson]				



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APPENDIX 5 – DISCIPLINARY HEARING NOTICE

APPENDIX 5 – DISCIPLINARY HEARING NOTICE	
	Date/
To [Enter Club Name]	
RE: Disciplinary Hearing Notice for [Enter Player/Team Officia	<mark>l Name</mark>]
During the UXX Division X game on [Enter Day & Date] played by	oetween:

[Enter Home Team] versus [Enter Away Team]

[Number XX] [Enter Player/Team Official Name] has been issued a Red Card/Expulsion in the above-mentioned match for violation of [list the Red Card code and reasoning]

[Delete one of the below]

The Elizabeth & District Junior Soccer Association Disciplinary Committee have reviewed this case with all available evidence and believe that there is just cause to convene a Disciplinary Hearing for the above-mentioned matter.

The Elizabeth & District Junior Soccer Association Disciplinary Committee have approved your request for a Disciplinary Hearing for the above-mentioned matter.

[Enter Player/Team Official Name] is requested to attend the Elizabeth & District Junior Soccer Association headquarters at Peachey Rd, Davoren Park on [enter day and date] at [enter time] to appear before the Elizabeth & District Junior Soccer Association Disciplinary Committee.

The Disciplinary Hearing will be conducted in line with the EDJSA Disciplinary Policy Clause 13. Disciplinary Hearing Procedures and Right of Appeal.

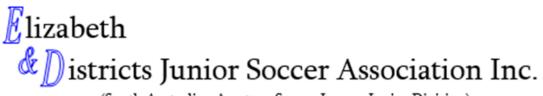
Please note possible sanctions for this offence of [enter detail of offence] is [enter minimum] & maximum of potential suspension]

If you are unable to attend the above-mentioned time, contact the Elizabeth & District Junior Soccer Association Secretary on secretary@elizdists.com.au no later than 48 hours prior to the schedule hearing time. NOTE: The above-mentioned person will remain suspended for competition until the matter is heard by the Disciplinary Committee

Yours Sincerely

[DC Chairperson]





APPENDIX 6 – DISCIPLINARY APPEALS HEARING NOTICE