



*E*lizabeth
& *D*istricts Junior Soccer Association Inc.
(South Australian Amateur Soccer League Junior Division)

DISCIPLINARY RULES FOR SPECTATORS YELLOW CARDS



Spectator Yellow Card

There is a growing amount of abuse and inappropriate behaviour directed at the Referees in all age groups at our junior games. Referees are extremely important to administer to officiate the games and without the referees the match cannot be played.

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).

Inappropriate behaviour means the use of threatening or intimidating language or action including but not limited to:

- Threatening or intimidating a Match Official by word or action
- Spitting at, on or towards Match Official
- Inciting the Crowd
- Bringing the Game into Disrepute
- Attacking or fighting with Spectators
- Use of offensive, insulting, or abusive language and/or gestures against or about a Match Official
- Unsporting Conduct towards a Match Official
- Entering the Field of Play
- Use of discriminatory language and/or gestures including ethnic, racist, religious, or sexist

In the incidences where inappropriate behaviour has been used towards the officiating Referee(s) or towards anyone else, the referee will in the first instance display a Yellow Card to the entire crowd known as a Spectators Yellow Card, no matter who the offender was. This is to show that an offence has happened, and the entire crowd is on a warning. If the behaviour continues there will not be another warning the game will be abandoned.



DISCIPLINARY OFFENCES AND SANCTIONS

Team infringement penalties

(Applied when Yellows are issued to the same team)

Y1	Written Warning detailing the offence.
Y2	Fine of \$100 applied to the club.
Y3 and Subsequence infringements	Fine of \$100 applied to the club and loss of 3 League points to the infringing team.

Club infringements penalties

(Applies when yellows are issued to multiple teams within same club)

Y1	Written Warning detailing the offence.
Y2	Second and Final Written Warning detailing the offence.
Y3	Fine of \$100 applied to the club.
Y4	Fine of \$200 applied to the club. Subsequence infringements will incur a \$200 fine per incident.

If a Second Spectators Yellow Card is issued within the same match regardless of which team received the first, the match **WILL** be abandoned. The infringing team(s)/Club(s) will incur infringement penalties listed in the above tables.

NOTE: If a team receives their first spectators' yellow card a Written Warning detailing the offence will be issued as per the Team infringement penalties Y1 and this spectators' yellow card will be added to the club's accumulative total. The club will receive infringement penalty in line with the club infringements penalties listed in the table above. If the same team, then receives a second infringement further penalties will be applied as per the team infringement penalties and not added to the club's accumulative total.

Example:

If a team receiving their first spectators' yellow card, but it equates to the club's third spectators' yellow card then the penalty will be a Written Warning to the team detailing the offence and a \$100 fine as per Y3 of the Club infringements penalties. If the same team receives a second spectators' yellow card, then the penalties will be as per Y2 of the Team infringement penalties as well as subsequence infringements. The first spectators' yellow card will not be removed from the Club infringements penalties accumulative list.

Spectator Yellow Cards will be accumulated throughout the season including Challenge Cup and do not carry over to the next.

Spectator Yellow Cards will be accumulated in any sanction E&DJSA matches including Non-Competitive match(s) such as friendlies, trial games, or any pre-season competition.