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## **CVRSA Disciplinary Rules and Procedures**

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### **General**

Players, coaches, other team officials, and spectators are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship. Coaches, other team officials, players, and spectators are expected to show respect for decisions of the referees. Cursing and loud or abusive behavior will not be tolerated. Players, coaches, other team officials and spectators may be ejected from the field by the referee, any association site supervisor or CVRSA representative present for improper or abusive behavior, and may be subject to further sanctions.

Each team's head coach or acting head coach is directly responsible for the his/her actions, and the actions of his/her players, assistant coaches, and other team officials assisting him/her in the bench (technical) area. As well, the team's head coach or acting head coach is directly responsible for controlling the actions of the spectators.

Note that the possession or use of alcoholic beverages and illegal substances at any field site is strictly forbidden and subject to municipal ordinances and/or school policies, and may subject the offender to further disciplinary action as warranted by the local law enforcement, CVRSA itself or CVRSA member associations.

## **Disciplinary Procedure**

1. All incidents of red-card misconduct shall be reported to the offending CVRSA member representative within 24 hours of the game.
2. The offending CVRSA member representative shall then contact directly the opposing CVRSA member representative of the organization(s) involved and transmit the details of the incident and the disciplinary action assessed (see below).
3. Each member club is expected to take prompt, effective action regarding disciplinary problems and in carrying out the policies and decisions of the CVRSA.
4. In the event of a serious offense or if a problem cannot be resolved by the organizations involved, the matter shall be addressed the CVRSA Chairperson, CVRSA Vice Chairperson, or CVRSA Secretary, who shall then contact all of the CVRSA member representatives in order to arrive at a consensus solution.

## **Disciplinary Action**

1. A player who receives a red card or accumulates three (3) yellow cards in a season shall serve an automatic one (1) game suspension, which shall be the team's next scheduled CVRSA game. Players are permitted to practice with their team. Players do not need to be present at this game, but if they are, they can sit on the player's side as long as they are not in uniform.
2. A player that is sent off for fighting or other violent conduct infraction shall be suspended for a minimum of two (2) sequential CVRSA games. The player may be reinstated only with the approval of a majority of the CVRSA member representatives after submitting in writing by mail, email, or fax a letter to the CVRSA Secretary apologizing for his/her actions and expressing what steps he/she will take to insure that the infraction will not be repeated. This letter must be received by CVRSA no later than 10 days after the

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incident. This rule is not subject to seasonal or member associations (e.g. a player sent off in the last game of the Spring season will not be allowed to participate in game play for any association the following Fall until all of the requirements for reinstatement are met).

3. In accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game and as mandated by the USSF Guide for Referees coaches, team officials, and spectators shall not be shown a yellow or red card for unsportsmanlike behavior or dissent toward a referee's decision. If their actions warrant a caution or removal from the field, the center referee shall perform the action and report the infraction to the BRSO Referee Assignor or CVRSA member representative for action as specified in the Disciplinary Procedure above.
4. A coach, team official, or spectator who is requested to leave the playing field for unsportsmanlike conduct during league play shall be barred indefinitely from attending all CVRSA league games and other events and may be reinstated only after he/she follows the procedures for reinstatement as specified in Item 2 above.
5. Any player, coach, or spectator alleged or reported to have physically or verbally assaulted a referee shall be automatically barred from participation in and attendance at all CVRSA league games and other events pending resolution by the CVRSA representatives (see Abuse/Assault of Officials below).
6. Repeated occurrences of misconduct and disregard for CVRSA rules of the game can result in a team, player, or team official being placed on long term suspension and prohibited from participating in CVRSA league play and other events.

### **Abuse/Assault of Officials**

Any coach, club official, team official, player, parent, or spectator alleged to have abused or assaulted a game official is automatically suspended from all CVRSA games pending resolution by the CVRSA and/or referees association.

### **Referee Abuse**

1. Referee abuse is a verbal statement or physical act not resulting in bodily contact which implies or threatens physical harm to a referee or the referee's property or equipment.

2. Abuse includes, but is not limited to, the following acts: using foul or abusive language toward a referee, spewing any beverage on a referee's personal property, or verbally threatening the referee.
3. Verbal threats are remarks that carry the implied or direct threat of physical harm.

### **Referee Assault**

1. Referee assault is an intentional act of physical violence at or upon a referee.
2. Assault includes, but is not limited to, the following acts committed upon a referee: hitting; kicking; punching; choking; spitting at or on; grabbing or bodily running into a referee; head butting; the act of kicking or throwing any object at a referee that could inflict injury; damaging the referee's uniform or personal property.

### **Protests & Appeals**

1. Protests concerning game situations are not allowed. No protests of referee decisions are allowed.

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2. An appeal to the CVRSA may be filed with the CVRSA Secretary within 48 hours of the event. Appeals must be submitted in writing by mail, email, or fax, and shall include the nature of the appeal, the remedy requested, and a \$10.00 non-refundable fee.



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