



NFR Soccer Red Card Policy / Procedure

Referee abuse will not be tolerated.

- Any instance of referee abuse will be reported to **US Club Soccer**.
 - Violations will be addressed using the **USSF Referee Abuse Penalty Matrix**.
 - FCL will impose sanctions for any reported abuse that falls within the **yellow** and **orange** categories (non-physical and physical offenses), as outlined in the **USSF RAP Penalty Overview**.
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Red Card Procedure

- A red card results in a **minimum one (1) game suspension**, including red cards issued as a result of two cautions.
 - If a player is sent off during a weekend, they may not participate for the remainder of that weekend, regardless of the event.
 - Games missed during the weekend count toward the suspension if noted on the roster and/or referee game report.
 - Any team that uses a suspended player will be subject to sanctions, and the player will be considered **ineligible**.
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Red Card Reporting

- **Notification:** The club assignor or site representative must notify the **NFR Soccer League Coordinator** within **48 hours** of the incident.
- **Submission:** Email the completed game card and red card supplement form to: NFRSoccer@gmail.com
- **Referee Report Must Include:**
 - Full incident description and reason for the red card.
 - Player's full name, jersey number, and Player ID number.
 - Match cards from both teams.
- **Additional Sanctions:** US Club Soccer may impose further penalties for severe or repeat offenses.



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Suspension Rules

- Red card suspensions apply as follows:
 - Suspension for the remainder of the match.
 - Suspension must be served in the **next scheduled league match** with the player's **primary rostered team**.
 - A suspended player **may not** play for any other team or club until the suspension is fully served.
 - **Carryover Rule:** Suspensions not served before the end of a season carry over to the next season, even if the player changes clubs.
 - **Alternate Team Requests:**
 - If a suspension cannot reasonably be served with the primary team, the club's **Executive Director or Director of Coaching** may request approval from the **PDE Committee** to serve with another appropriate team in the same age group.
 - **Verification:**
 - Suspension must be recorded on the official match report.
 - The player must be listed on the roster and marked as serving the suspension.
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Appeals

Appeals may only be submitted in the following cases:

- **Mistaken identity** by the referee.
 - Red card suspensions with sanctions determined by the **FCL PDE Committee**.
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☒ **Compliance with this policy is mandatory for all clubs, teams, coaches, and players participating in FCL competitions.**



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Abrv.	Description	Sanction
E	Enters/Re-enters field of play	Caution ONLY
L	Deliberately leaves field	Caution ONLY
FRD	Fails to respect req. distance	Caution ONLY
UB	Unsporting Behavior	Caution ONLY
DT	Dissent by word or action	Caution ONLY
PI	Persistent Infringement	Caution ONLY
DR	Delays restart of play	Caution ONLY
DGP	Denies opportunity in penalty area - Attempt to play ball	Caution ONLY
AL	(Minor) offensive, insulting or abusive language.	1 Game
AL2	(Major) offensive, insulting or abusive language. (Player)	2 Games
AL2	(Major) offensive, insulting or abusive language. (Coach)	3 Games
Racial Abuse	Abusive and/or bigoted language or physical gestures based on race. (Player/Coach/Spectator)	5 games (passed onto US Club)
2CT	Second caution in same match	1 Game



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Abrv.	Description	Sanction
SFP	Serious Foul Play	1 Game
DGH	Denies opportunity by hand ball	1 Game
DGF	Denies opportunity outside penalty area	1 Game
DGP2	Denies opportunity in penalty area - No attempt to play ball	1 Game
S	Spits at opponent or another person	3 Games (passed onto US Club)
VC	Violent Conduct (Player) Any intentional or attempted act or threat of physical violence, including but not limited to the following: hitting, kicking, punching, choking, hair pulling, grabbing or bodily running into a person; head butting; the act of kicking or throwing any object that could inflict injury.	4 Games (Repeat offenders will be issued an additional game per offense)
VC	Violent Conduct (Player) Retaliation	3 Games
VC	Violent Conduct (Coach)*	6 Games, (passed onto US Club)
VC	Violent Conduct (Spectator)*	6-month suspension (passed onto US Club). If a repeat offense occurs, the spectator will be subject to removal from the league.