

Card Penalty Point Accumulation and Suspension per Season

*Season is defined as Fall or Spring
NOT Fall and Spring*

Penalty points are accumulated by receiving a yellow and/or red card from a referee. The points are determined based on the below grid and on the responsibility of the referee to complete their portion of the game report. All point accumulations will be managed by the referee assignor and shared with the A&D director.

The Referee Abuse Prevention Policy is in addition to the aforementioned policy and will be enforced concurrently depending on the nature of the infraction.

The penalty points are as follows for youth and adult:

<i>Cautions – As noted on game cards or written report from referee</i>	Youth	Adult
C – 1 Unsporting Behavior - No Explanation	2 pts	2 pts
C – 1.1 Deliberate tripping, pushing, and other “tackling” deliberate physical fouls	4 pts	4 pts
C – 1.2 Foul tackle from behind, and late or hard tackles	4 pts	4 pts
C – 1.3 Interference by other players when the referee is speaking to a player after an offense	2 pts	2 pts
C – 1.4 Deliberate, tactical obstruction	2 pts	2 pts
C – 1.5 Shirt pulling and other similar tactics	3 pts	3 pts
C – 1.6 Deliberate hand ball designed to break up an attack	2 pts	2 pts
C – 1.7 Moving hands up and down to obstruct an opponent	2 pts	2 pts
C – 1.8 Gesticulating in front of a player taking a free kick or throw-in	2 pts	2 pts

C – 1.9 Player leaning on team mate to gain extra height	1 pts	1 pts
C – 1.10 Pulling oneself up by the goal post or cross bar to gain an advantage	1 pts	1 pts
C – 2 Dissent	4 pts	4 pts
C – 3 Persistent Infringement	3 pts	3 pts
C – 4 Delays Restart	2 pts	2 pts
C – 5 Fails to respect proper distance	2 pts	2 pts
C – 6 Entering or leaving the field without the referee's permission	1 pts	1 pts
C – 7 Deliberately leaves field without permission	2 pts	2 pts
<i>Ejections – As noted on game cards or written report from referee</i>	Youth	Adult
E – 1 <i>Serious Foul Play</i>	12 pts*	12 pts + \$50 fee to be paid to TSA office prior to next eligible game.*
E – 2 Violent Conduct	12 pts*	12 pts + \$50 fee to be paid to TSA office prior to next eligible game.*
E – 3 Spits at opponent or person	12 pts*	12 pts + \$50 fee to be paid to TSA office prior to next eligible game.*
E – 4 Intentional ball handling to deny goal	12 pts*	12 pts + \$50 fee to be paid to TSA office prior to next eligible game.*
E – 5 Denies goal scoring opportunity	12 pts*	12 pts + \$50 fee to be paid to TSA office prior to next eligible game.*
E – 6 Offensive, Insulting, or abusive language	12 pts*	12 pts + \$50 fee to be paid to TSA office prior to next eligible game.*
E – 6.2 Directed at referee or opponent, during or after game	12 pts*	12 pts + \$150 fee to be paid to TSA office prior to next eligible game.**
E – 7 Receives second caution	12 pts*	12 pts + \$50 fee to be paid to TSA office prior to next eligible game.*

* Minimum one (1) game suspension

**Minimum three (3) game suspension

Suspensions for repeat cards received

- Any coach, youth or adult, who receives 3 red card in one season, will be suspended for the remainder of the current season plus the next season.
- Any player, youth or adult, who received 3 yellow cards (3 separate games), will receive an automatic one game suspension.

Twelve (12) point suspension system

*Each bullet point listed below is *per division the player or coach participates in* unless it is related to the **Referee Abuse Policy, the suspension applies to any and all divisions and goes straight to NTX review committee***

- Any player or coach, youth or adult, who receives a total of 12 points in a season will receive an automatic one (1) game suspension.
 - Adult league players and coaches will incur a fine that must be paid before returning to play following their suspension.
- Any player or coach, youth or adult, who receive an additional 6 points in the same season, will receive an automatic two (2) game suspension.
 - Adult league players and coaches will incur a fine that must be paid before returning to play following their suspension.
- Any player or coach, youth or adult, who receive an additional 12 points in the same season, will receive immediate suspension, pending A&D review.
- Any player or coach, youth or adult, who accumulates thirty-six (36) or more penalty points in a soccer year (August 1st thru July 31st) will be suspended pending an A&D review.

Excess penalty points

- Youth teams:
 - Penalty point limits shall be established at twenty (20), thirty (30) and forty (40) points.
 - Any team that accumulates a total of twenty (20) points per season, players and coaches combined, will result in a 3-point deduction from their team standings at the time the 20-point accumulation was met.
 - Any team that accumulates a total of thirty (30) points per season, players and coaches combined, shall come before the Appeals and Discipline Committee to discuss their team's conduct and disciplinary action. The team may continue to participate in regular season play if the team does not accumulate an additional ten (10) penalty points.
 - Any team that accumulates a total of forty (40) points per season, players and coaches combined, will be suspended from further play and sent to North Texas State Soccer Association for further disciplinary action. Such team will not be eligible for post season play (playoff and championship games).

- Adult teams:
 - Penalty point limits shall be established at thirty (30), forty (40) and fifty (50) points.
 - Any team that accumulates a total of thirty (30) points per season, players and coaches combined, will result in a 3-point deduction from their team standings at the time the 30-point accumulation was met.
 - Any team that accumulates a total of forty (40) points per season, players and coaches combined, shall come before the Appeals and Discipline Committee to discuss their team's conduct and disciplinary action. The team may continue to participate in regular season play if the team does not accumulate an additional ten (10) penalty points.
 - Any team that accumulates a total of fifty (50) points per season, players and coaches combined, will be suspended from further play and sent to North Texas State Soccer Association for further disciplinary action. Such team will not be eligible for post season play (playoff and championship games).

Red Card on Final Game Day

Any player or coach, youth or adult, who receives an ejection on their final game of the season will be handed the following suspension depending on the season it was given:

- Last game of FALL season:
 - Red cards/ejections will carry over to the first game of spring season. The player or coach who received the red card will sit out the first game of their spring season.
 - If player or coach does not return for spring season, then the Texoma Soccer Association Appeals and Discipline Director will review the case to advise on appropriate disciplinary action.
- Last game of SPRING season:
 - Red cards/ejections will be sent straight to North Texas review committee for the appropriate disciplinary action to be handed down.