

## 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:

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

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

### Twelve (12) point suspension system

- 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 1<sup>st</sup> thru July 31<sup>st</sup>) will be suspending pending an A&D review.

### Excess penalty points

- Penalty point limits shall be established at fifty (50), sixty (60), and seventy (70) points.
- Any team, adult or youth, that accumulates a total of fifty (50) points per season, players and coaches combined, will result in a 3-point deduction from their team standings at the time the 50-point accumulation was met.
- Any team, adult or youth, that accumulates a total of sixty (60) 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, adult or youth, that accumulates a total of seventy (70) 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).