

Policy #3 CYSA District 1 Disciplinary Policy

- 1. Introduction.** CYSA District 1 (“District 1”) is a part of the California Youth Soccer Association – North (“CYSA”) and is responsible for implementing CYSA disciplinary rules and procedures within the district. These rules and procedures can be found in the CYSA Team Manual, the CYSA Protest, Appeals and Disciplinary Hearing Manual and other CYSA documents (see <http://www.cysanorth.org/>). As an affiliate of USSF and USYSA, CYSA and District 1 are also obligated to follow their rules and procedures.

For your information, below are provided selected CYSA, USYSA and USSF definitions. In addition also provided are selected procedures and sanctions related to District 1’s implementation of CYSA disciplinary rules and procedures.

If you have any questions about this document, please contact the District 1 Disciplinary Committee Chairman.

2. Definitions

- A. **Suspension:** means the temporary withdrawal of rights and privilege, such as the right to play, coach, or otherwise administer or participate (directly or indirectly) in soccer, and the suspension is for the entire term of the suspension with all rights and privileges withdrawn unless specifically stated otherwise by the suspending authority. (US Youth Soccer Policy on Players and Playing Rules, Rule 101, sect D)

In other words, until a suspension is served, a suspended adult is prohibited from participation in events involving any CYSA team(s) with which the adult is associated.

- B. **Probation:** In specific situations, the Disciplinary Committee may place an individual on probation, in addition to the suspension, for a period of time not to exceed the length of the suspension. The probationary period is to be served immediately following the suspension period and is intended to monitor an individual’s degree of reformation. Should an individual on probation be sent off the field of play and shown the red card during the probationary period, the original suspension and probation shall be re-applied and no appeal will be heard. (CYSA Specific Rules 4:08:05)
- C. **Referee 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, i.e. car, equipment, etc. (CYSA PIM 06-2)
- D. **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. Abuse includes, but is not limited to the following acts committed upon a referee: using foul or abusive language toward a referee; spewing any beverage on a referee’s personal property; or verbally threatening a referee. Verbal threats are remarks that carry the implied or direct threat of physical harm. Such remarks as “I’ll get you after the game” or “You won’t get out of here in one piece.” shall be deemed referee abuse. (CYSA PIM 06-2)

3. Selected District 1 Procedures

- A. The tracking of red card/send-offs, suspensions, and probations will be coordinated by the District 1 Disciplinary Committee Chairman, as designated by the District 1 Commissioner.
- B. Referee assault incidents are automatically referred to the CYSA 1st Vice Chairman. (CYSA Protest and Disciplinary Hearing Manual)
- C. All District 1 imposed suspensions and disciplinary penalties can be appealed according to current CYSA rules and procedures. (CYSA District 1 General Board Procedures and Policies 1:12, CYSA Specific Rules 4:09) District 1 disciplinary sanctions will apply to any competition administered by US Youth Soccer, CYSA, District 1, or any CYSA affiliated league.

4. Selected District 1 Team Sanctions

- A. A player, coach or credentialed member of the team (e.g., manager, trainer) sent-off for the reason of referee abuse must appear before a hearing of the District 1 Disciplinary Committee. With proper notification by District 1, failure of the team official to appear at a hearing will result in suspension of all CYSA privileges.
- B. An adult credentialed member of a team (e.g., coach, assistant coach, manager, or trainer) that accumulates 2 send-offs during a 12 month period must appear before a hearing of the District 1 Disciplinary Committee. With proper notification by District 1, failure of the team official to appear at a hearing will result in suspension of all CYSA privileges.
- C. A team that accumulates 8 red card/ send-offs for infractions (1- serious foul play, 2 – violent conduct, 3 – offensive, insulting or abusive language directed toward another person, 4 – denied goal-scoring opportunity by opponent punishable by free kick or penalty kick) in CYSA and US Youth Soccer sanctioned events during any 12 month period will be reviewed by the District 1 Disciplinary Committee to consider placing the team in bad standing. (see CYSA PIM 88-1).
- D. A player that is cited for a 3rd and 4th red card/ send-off during a 12 month period will be penalized by adding a 2 game suspension to the suspension resulting from the game infraction in the 3rd and 4th occurrence.
- E. A player that accumulates 5 or more than 5 red card/send-offs during a 12 month period will be reviewed by the District 1 Disciplinary Committee.
- F. A player with an unserved suspension due to a send off in U19 CYSA Cup competition, and who is in their final year of eligibility to register with CYSA because of their age, may be sanctioned by the District 1 Disciplinary Committee to serve the Cup suspension in league or tournament play.
- G. All District 1 teams are required to honor the penalties of red card/send-off suspensions. Any team found to be in violation of this rule will be subject to further sanctions.
- H. All suspensions shall apply to participation in CYSA and US Youth Soccer sanctioned events.
- I. If a player participates in a match without a valid member pass, is not on the official team roster, or such player is otherwise ineligible to play, the player's team shall forfeit the match. Other disciplinary action, including suspension, may be imposed by District 1 on the player and/or any team official who plays a player that is not properly registered with his or her team.