



REGION 92
Discipline Policy
U10, U12, U14
U16, U19 Regional Play

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All AYSO games shall be conducted in accordance with the current FIFA Laws of The Game and decisions of the International Football Association Board in effect on July 1 as modified by any exceptions detailed in the AYSO National Rules and Regulations, Section One Rules and Regulations, and applicable Area 1-D Beach Cities Rules & Regulations.

I. DISCIPLINARY ACTION – U10, U12 and U14 matches in Region 92 (play in Section 1 Area D tournament is addressed in Section 1 Area D rules)

A. Players

1. It is an objective of the Region that all players be given maximum chance to play all scheduled matches during the season.
2. On field discipline.
 - a. It is the policy of the region that referees are to handle disciplinary situations on the field in a manner that encourages the players to improve their play and behavior through discussion and instruction. Use of warnings and discussions during the course of the game are encouraged, when disciplinary situations arise.
 - b. Should discussions with the player fail to produce the desired change in behavior, the referee is encouraged to notify the coach that continued infringement by the player will not be permitted. In this situation, though not required, it is strongly recommended that the Coach or acting Coach substitute for the player involved. The center referee will allow such substitution, even if it is not a normal “substitution” opportunity. In that this is a preventative measure being taken in the best interest of the player in question, the other team may not substitute at this time.
 - c. Occasionally during the course of the match, especially at the U14 level, actions may occur which would normally require either a caution or a send-off in a higher level match. Referees are encouraged to caution players when these occur. Within the Laws of the game, referees are given broad discretion on how to interpret statements and actions. For instance, some language directed at a referee or opposing player could be interpreted as Abusive (requiring send-off) or alternately, as Dissent (if directed toward the referee) or Unsporting Behavior (if toward an opponent). At the U10, U12 and U14 levels, Referees are encouraged to interpret actions in a way that avoids a send-off. Use of a caution is encouraged. In this situation, it is strongly recommended, but not required, that the Coach or acting Coach substitute for the player involved. The center referee will allow such substitution.
 - d. A player who has been cautioned and who continues to play or behave in a manner that is in violation of the rules, especially if the behavior is reckless or endangering, should be sent-off at the second cautionable offense (second yellow card). (No change to Law 12 Misconduct)
 - e. At the U10 and U12 levels, ideally, a send-off should not occur without a previous caution. (4 and 5 above). At the U14 level, certain actions such as extreme violence (fighting, or clear violent intent to injure) or extremely abusive language and/or gestures directed at the referee, may require a send-off without a prior caution. Referees are encouraged to recognize that these situations are extremely rare, but when they occur, must be dealt with. In these rare circumstances, a send-off without a prior caution is merited.
 - f. All U10 and U12 level misconduct should be handled by the Coach at the direction of the Referee. There is no need to display the red or yellow card to the player.

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3. A player or team member sent off or expelled, including a send off for receiving a second caution in the same match, shall be suspended from all participation in the current and next match played by the team.
4. A player, who accumulates cautions in three (3) different games during the season, shall be suspended from all participation in the next match played by the team. This suspension is in addition to the suspensions imposed in Item I.A.3.
5. In the event that a player, who has been suspended from a game previously, receives another send-off or accumulates an additional 2 yellow cards, that player will be suspended for the remainder of the season.

All discipline listed above is considered routine and automatic, and is therefore not eligible for an appeal in a review proceeding.

6. Cases of extreme misconduct may be subject to additional discipline at the discretion of the Regional Commissioner, subject to right of appeal at a review proceeding hearing as established in AYSO policies.
7. Any disciplinary suspensions will be served immediately after their occurrence, including during any Regional or Area playoff games, if applicable. Suspensions will carry over to any AYSO post-season play (e.g. Extra Teams, All Stars, Spring League, and Tournament Teams), through to the end of the AYSO Membership Year, but not into the next regular season. The Membership Year ends on July 31.

B. Coaches, Parents and Spectators

1. The laws of the game allow for the disciplining of coaches and spectators, in addition to the players by the referee.
2. On field discipline.
 - a. It is the policy of the region that referees are to handle disciplinary situations on the field in a manner that encourages the coaches and parents to improve their behavior through discussion and instruction. Use of warnings and discussions with the coach regarding their behavior or their parents' behavior during the course of the game are encouraged, when disciplinary situations arise.
 - b. Should discussions with the coach fail to produce the desired change in behavior, the referee is to respond in accordance with the Laws of the Game. Referees are encouraged to recognize that these situations are extremely rare, but when they occur, must be dealt with.
3. A coach or parent sent off or expelled, including a send off for receiving a second caution in the same match, shall be suspended from all participation in the current and next 2 scheduled matches.
4. In the event that a coach or parent, who has been suspended from a game previously, receives another send-off, that coach or parent will be banned from participation for the remainder of the AYSO Membership Year.
5. In the event that a coach declines to leave the field at the request of the referee, that coach will be suspended from a coaching role for the remainder of the AYSO Membership Year.
6. In the event that a spectator declines to leave the field at the request of the referee, that spectator will be banned from the fields for the remainder of the AYSO Membership Year.

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C. Referee

1. A referee is required to complete a disciplinary report for all send-offs that occur during a match. Blank copies of the report are available from the Regional Referee Administrator or from the Area 1D website (www.ayso1d.org). Completed copies of this report should be sent to the Regional Referee Administrator, the Commissioner of the division involved, the respective Boys or Girls Program Commissioner and the Regional Commissioner.

2. A referee is required to complete a match report (back of the game card) for all cautions that occur during a match. The report shall include the person(s) involved and the behavior resulting in the caution.

II. DISCIPLINARY ACTION – U16 and U19 matches in Region 92

A. Players

1. The disciplinary sections of the AYSO Section 1 Area D policy are in effect and will govern all matches played at the U16 level, U19 level and Area tournaments.

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