

APPENDIX A: Schedule of Penalties and Sanctions

The guidelines in the Schedule of Penalties and Sanctions represent the minimum sanctions that a judicial body may apply. For the avoidance of doubt sanctions may be either one of, or a combination of, a fine and/or suspension. In the case of sanctions for Serious Infringements outlined below, players are required to serve the minimum suspension for the offense. Sanctions for any offense may be increased based on the weight of the evidence presented and/or on the severity of the misconduct.

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SECTION 1. PENALTIES FOR MISCONDUCT BY A REGISTERED SNS PLAYER

CATEGORY 1.1 PENALTIES FOR MISCONDUCT BY A REGISTERED SNS PLAYER BASED ON ACCUMULATION OF CAUTIONABLE OFFENCES (YELLOW CARDS)

For the purpose of this category, cautionable offences include:

- Unsporting behaviour
- Dissent by word or action
- Persistent infringement of the Laws of the Game
- Delaying the restart of play
- Failure to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick or throw-in
- Entering or re-entering the field of play without the referee's permission
- Deliberately leaving the field of play without the referee's permission

Misconduct Code	Description of Misconduct	Standard Penalty
1.1.1	Received three cautions within a competition	1 game suspension
1.1.2	Received five cautions within a competition	2 game suspension
1.1.3	Received six cautions within a competition	3 game suspension
1.1.4	Received seven cautions within a competition	5 game suspension
1.1.5	Received more than seven cautions within a competition (for every subsequent caution)	5 game suspension

CATEGORY 1.2 PENALTIES FOR MISCONDUCT BY A REGISTERED SNS PLAYER BASED ON DISMISSAL OFFENCES (RED CARDS)

Misconduct Code	Description of Misconduct	Standard Penalty for First Seasonal Offense	Standard Penalty for Second Seasonal Offense	Standard Penalty for Third Seasonal Offense
1.2.1	Dismissed for receiving a second caution in the same game. For the purposes of counting yellow and red cards, two yellow cards received in the same game are to be counted as one red, not as two yellows.	1 game suspension	2 game suspension	3-game suspension and referral to 1.3.1
1.2.2	Dismissed for denying the opposing team a goal or an	1 game suspension	2 game suspension	3-game suspension and referral to 1.3.1

	obvious goal-scoring opportunity by a handball offence			
1.2.3	Dismissed for denying a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent whose overall movement is towards the offender's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick	1 game suspension	2 game suspension	3-game suspension and referral to 1.3.1
1.2.4	Dismissed for Serious foul play (including the use of excessive or brute force)	2 game suspension	4 game suspension	Referral to 1.3.1 and 1.3.2
1.2.5	Dismissed for Violent conduct (including elbowing, punching, kicking, etc.)	3 game suspension	5 game suspension	Referral to 1.3.1 and 1.3.2
1.2.6	Dismissed for biting or spitting at an opponent or any other person	7 game suspension	Referral to 1.3.2	Referral to 1.3.1 and 1.3.2
1.2.7	Dismissed for Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures	2 game suspension	4 game suspension	6 game suspension and referral to 1.3.1 and 1.3.2

CATEGORY 1.3 SANCTIONS FOR MISCONDUCT BY A REGISTERED SNS PLAYER

Misconduct Code	Description of Misconduct	Sanction for First Lifetime Offense	Sanction for Second Lifetime Offense	Sanction for Third Lifetime Offense*
1.3.1	Received third dismissal within a 12 month period	3 to 6 month suspension	3 to 9 month suspension	6 to 18 month suspension
1.3.2	Received an excessive number of dismissals for a serious or dangerous offence (<i>Only applicable if referred to by 1.2.3 to 1.2.7</i>)	3 to 9 month suspension	6 to 12 month suspension	6 to 24 month suspension
1.3.3	Persisted in misconduct directed a Match Official, opponent or any other person after being dismissed	2 game suspension	1 to 12 month suspension	6 month to 3 year suspension
1.3.4	Unsporting conduct towards a Match Official (using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures to a Match Official)	3 to 6 game suspension	6 to 12 game suspension	3 to 6 month suspension
1.3.5	Unsporting conduct towards a Match Official under the age of 18 (using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures to a Match Official)	6 game suspension	12 game suspension	6 to 12 months suspension

	under the age of 18)			
1.3.6	Assaulting (elbowing, punching, kicking, spitting, hitting, biting etc.) a Match Official	1 to 2 year suspension	2 to 3 year suspension	Minimum 5 year suspension
1.3.7	Assaulting (elbowing, punching, kicking, spitting, hitting, biting etc.) a Match Official under the age of 18	2 to 3 year suspension	Minimum 5 year suspension	Lifetime ban
1.3.8	Intimidating or threatening a match official	3 to 6 month suspension	6 to 12 month suspension	1 to 3 year suspension
1.3.9	Intimidating or threatening a match official under the age of 18	6 month suspension	1 to 2 year suspension	3 to 5 year suspension
1.3.10	Senior player played as an ineligible or suspended player	3 to 6 month suspension	6 to 9 month suspension	1 to 2 year suspension
1.3.11	Youth player played as a suspended player	1 to 3 month suspension	3 to 6 month suspension	6 to 9 month suspension
1.3.12	Inciting hatred and violence during a match.	6 to 12 month suspension	1 to 3 year suspension	Lifetime ban
1.3.13	Inciting hatred and violence using mass and/or social media, or if it takes place on match day, in or around the stadium or field of play.	6 to 12 month suspension	1 to 3 year suspension	Lifetime ban
1.3.14	Provoking the general public during a match.	2 game suspension	4 game suspension	3 to 6 month suspension
1.3.15	Acted in contravention of, or failed to act in accordance with a published rule**	1 to 3 month suspension	3 to 12 month suspension	6 to 12 month suspension
1.3.16	Intentionally acted in a manner deemed to be detrimental to the game**	1 to 3 month suspension	3 to 12 month suspension	6 to 12 month suspension
1.3.17	Failed to attend a discipline hearing for any 1.2 penalties or 1.3 sanctions	Player is suspended until they request and attend a subsequent hearing		
1.3.18	Reported for using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures directed at a discipline or appeal hearing panel member or members	3 to 12 month suspension	6 to 18 month suspension	1 to 3 year suspension

*Lifetime offences in excess of three (3) will be subject to the same penalty as the third-lifetime offence

**1.3.17 and 1.3.18 are restricted to situations where the alleged misconduct is not covered by a specific misconduct code

SECTION 2. PENALTIES FOR MISCONDUCT BY A REGISTERED SNS COACH, MANAGER OR TEAM OFFICIAL

CATEGORY 2.1 PENALTIES FOR MISCONDUCT BY A REGISTERED SNS COACH, MANAGER OR TEAM OFFICIAL BASED ON ACCUMULATION OF ACTIONABLE OFFENCES (YELLOW CARDS)

For the purpose of this category, cautionable offences include:

- a. Where an offence is committed by someone in the technical area and the offender cannot be identified, the senior team coach present in the technical area will receive the sanction
- b. repeatedly/blatantly/persistently entering the field of play in a respectful/non-confrontational manner
- c. repeatedly/blatantly/persistently failing to cooperate with a match official e.g. ignoring an instruction/request from an assistant referee or the fourth official
- d. repeated/blatant/persistent minor/low-level disagreement (by word or action) with a decision
- e. repeatedly/blatantly/persistently leaving the confines of the technical area without committing another offence
- f. Clearly/persistently not respecting the confines of their team's technical area
- g. delaying the restart of play by their team
- h. deliberately entering the technical area of the opposing team (non-confrontational)
- i. dissent by word or action including: throwing/kicking drinks bottles or other objects; gestures which show a clear lack of respect for the match official(s) e.g. sarcastic clapping
- j. excessively/persistently gesturing for a red or yellow card
- k. gesturing or acting in a provocative or inflammatory manner
- l. persistent unacceptable behaviour (including repeated warning offences)
- m. showing a lack of respect for the game

Misconduct Code	Description of Misconduct	Standard Penalty
2.1.1	Received two cautions within a competition	1 game suspension
2.1.2	Received four cautions within a competition	2 game suspension
2.1.3	Received five cautions within a competition	3 game suspension
2.1.4	Received six cautions within a competition	5 game suspension
2.1.5	Received more than six cautions within a competition (for every subsequent caution)	5 game suspension

CATEGORY 2.2 PENALTIES FOR MISCONDUCT BY A REGISTERED SNS COACH, MANAGER OR TEAM OFFICIAL BASED ON DISMISSAL OFFENCES (RED CARDS)

Misconduct Code	Description of Misconduct	Standard Penalty for First Seasonal Offense	Standard Penalty for Second Seasonal Offense	Standard Penalty for Third Seasonal Offense
2.2.1	Dismissed for receiving a second caution in the same game. For the purposes of counting yellow and red cards, two yellow cards received in the same game are to be counted as one red, not as two yellows.	1 game suspension	2 game suspension	3-game suspension and referral to 2.3.1
2.2.2	Dismissed for repeatedly/blatantly/persistently committing offences listed in 2.1, (<i>offences 2.1 a. to m.</i>)	1 game suspension	2 game suspension	3-game suspension and referral to 2.3.1
2.2.3	Dismissed for delaying the restart of play by the opposing team e.g. holding onto the ball, kicking the ball away, obstructing player movement	1 game suspension	2 game suspension	3-game suspension and referral to 2.3.1
2.2.4	Dismissed for deliberately leaving the technical area to: show dissent towards, or remonstrate with, a match official; act in a provocative or inflammatory manner	1 game suspension	2 game suspension	3-game suspension and referral to 2.3.1
2.2.5	Dismissed for enter the opposing technical area in an aggressive or confrontational manner	1 game suspension	2 game suspension	3-game suspension and referral to 2.3.1
2.2.6	Dismissed for deliberately throwing/kicking an object onto the field of play	1 game suspension	2 game suspension	3-game suspension and referral to 2.3.1
2.2.7	Dismissed for entering the field of play to: confront a match official (including at half-time and full-time); interfere with play, an opposing player or a match official	1 game suspension	2 game suspension	3-game suspension and referral to 2.3.1
2.2.8	Dismissed for Violent conduct	3 game suspension	5 game suspension	referral to 2.3.1
2.2.9	Dismissed for biting or spitting at an opponent or any other person	7 game suspension	3 to 6 month suspension	referral to 2.3.1
2.2.10	Dismissed for Using offensive,	2 game suspension	4 game suspension	6 game suspension

	insulting or abusive language and/or gestures			and referral to 2.3.1
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CATEGORY 2.3 SANCTIONS FOR MISCONDUCT BY A REGISTERED SNS COACH, MANAGER OR TEAM OFFICIAL

Misconduct Code	Description of Misconduct	Sanction for First Lifetime Offense	Sanction for Second Lifetime Offense	Sanction for Third Lifetime Offense*
2.3.1	Received third dismissal within a 12 month period	3 month suspension	3 to 9 month suspension	6 to 18 month suspension
2.3.2	Persisted in misconduct directed a Match Official, opponent or any other person after being dismissed	2 game suspension	1 to 12 month suspension	6 month to 3 year suspension
2.3.3	Unsporting conduct towards a Match Official (using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures to a Match Official)	4 to 7 game suspension	7 to 14 game suspension	4 to 6 month suspension
2.3.4	Unsporting conduct towards a Match Official under the age of 18 (using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures to a Match Official under the age of 18)	7 game suspension	14 game suspension	1 to 2 year suspension
2.3.5	Assaulting (elbowing, punching, kicking, spitting, hitting, biting etc.) a Match Official	1 to 2 year suspension	2 to 3 year suspension	5 year suspension
2.3.6	Assaulting (elbowing, punching, kicking, spitting, hitting, biting etc.) a Match Official under the age of 18	2 to 3 year suspension	5 year suspension	Lifetime ban
2.3.7	Intimidating or threatening a match official	3 month suspension	6 to 12 month suspension	1 to 3 year suspension
2.3.8	Intimidating or threatening a match official under the age of 18	6 month suspension	1 to 2 year suspension	3 to 5 year suspension
2.3.9	Played an ineligible or suspended player in a sanctioned game	6 to 12 month suspension	1 to 2 year suspension	3 to 5 year suspension
2.3.10	Induced or attempted to induce a registered player to leave their team before the end of that team's current season	Referral to Player Restrictions Section of SNS Policies and Procedures		

2.3.11	Inciting hatred and violence during a match.	6 to 12 month suspension	1 to 3 year suspension	Lifetime ban
2.3.12	Inciting hatred and violence using mass and/or social media, or if it takes place on match day, in or around the stadium or field of play.	6 to 12 month suspension	1 to 3 year suspension	Lifetime ban
2.3.13	Provoking the general public during a match.	2 game suspension	4 game suspension	3 to 6 month suspension
2.3.14	Acted in contravention of, or failed to act in accordance with a published rule**	1 to 3 month suspension	3 to 12 month suspension	6 to 12 month suspension
2.3.15	Intentionally acted in a manner deemed to be detrimental to the game**	1 to 3 month suspension	3 to 12 month suspension	6 to 12 month suspension
2.3.16	Failed to attend a discipline hearing for any 2.2 penalties or 2.3 sanctions	Team Official is suspended until they request and attend a subsequent hearing		
2.3.17	Reported for using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures directed at a discipline or appeal hearing panel member or members	3 to 12 month suspension	6 to 18 month suspension	1 to 3 year suspension

SECTION 3. DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES FOR MISCONDUCT BY A REGISTERED SNS MATCH OFFICIAL

(In all cases of misconduct by a referee, the procedures outlined in Section 7.7 are to be followed.)

Misconduct Code	Description of Misconduct	Sanction for First Lifetime Offense	Sanction for Second Lifetime Offense	Sanction for Third Lifetime Offense*
3.1.1	<p>Complaints about District Referees related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late arrival at a game. • Failed to report to a game (to which he/she has been appointed) without giving adequate notice of his/her inability to officiate such game. • Failure to record a caution on the appropriate game report • Error in reporting score • Failed to abide by the published rules of the jurisdiction in which he/she officiates • Complaints about knowledge of the Laws of the Game 	<p>Mentoring to correct problem.</p> <p>A copy of the Regional Referee Committee's (RRC) response to the original complaint to be copied to the Judiciary Committee and the Referee.</p>	<p>Mentoring to correct problem.</p> <p>A copy of the RRC's response to the original complaint will be copied to the Judiciary Committee and the Referee.</p>	<p>Referred to the SNS Referee Judiciary Committee for Investigation</p>
3.1.2	<p>Complaints about Regional and Provincial Referees, and District Referees as per 3.1 above, related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late arrival at a game. • Failed to report to a game (to which he/she has been appointed) without giving adequate notice of his/her inability to officiate such game. • Failure to record a caution on the appropriate game report • Error in reporting score • Failed to abide by the published rules of the jurisdiction in which he/she officiates • Complaints about knowledge of the Laws of the Game 	<p>Investigation by the SNS Referee Judiciary Committee</p> <p>Mentoring to correct problem and other action as deemed appropriate by the Judiciary Committee.</p>	<p>Investigation by the SNS Referee Judiciary Committee</p> <p>Mentoring to correct problem and other action as deemed appropriate by the Judiciary Committee.</p>	<p>Investigation by the SNS Referee Judiciary Committee</p> <p>Mentoring to correct problem and other action as deemed appropriate by the Judiciary Committee.</p>
3.1.3	<p>Failed to submit a "Dismissal Report" as required by Soccer Nova Scotia and/or record a dismissal on the appropriate game report .</p>	<p>Assessed game fee</p>	<p>Assessed game fee & 1-month suspension</p>	<p>Assessed game fee & 3-month suspension</p>
3.1.4	<p>Used "Offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" directed at any SNS</p>	<p>1-month suspension</p>	<p>3-month suspension</p>	<p>1-year suspension</p>

	Participant			
3.1.5	Failed to conduct himself/herself with dignity both on, and off, the field of play	1-month suspension	3-month suspension	1-year suspension
3.1.6	Publicly criticized any other game official or Soccer Governing body; made derogatory statements to the media relating to any game in which he/she was involved concerning the performance of the players or other referees	1-month suspension	3-month suspension	1-year suspension
3.1.7	Intentionally acted in a manner deemed to be detrimental to the game.	3-month suspension	6-month suspension	1-year suspension
3.1.8	Officiated an unsanctioned or unaffiliated soccer game.	Investigation by the SNS Referee Judiciary Committee Other action as deemed appropriate by the Judiciary Committee.	3 month suspension	1 year suspension
3.1.9	Provided false or inaccurate information on a registration form	Investigation by the SNS Referee Judiciary Committee Other action as deemed appropriate by the Judiciary Committee.	1-month suspension	3-month suspension
3.1.10	Participated in a soccer activity from which he/she was suspended	1-year suspension	3-year suspension	5-year suspension
3.1.11	Made deliberate physical contact (i.e. pushing, pulling, charging, etc.) or attempts physical contact with, or threatens, a registrant of SNS or a spectator	1-year suspension	3-year suspension	5-year suspension
3.1.12	Struck, spat on, kicked, or committed any form of violent conduct, or attempted violent conduct, against a registrant of SNS or a spectator	2 year suspension	5 year suspension	Minimum 10-year suspension
3.1.13	Failed to attend (when required to do so), without a valid reason, a discipline hearing for a person whom the referee had reported for Game Official Assault	\$100 administration fee assessment	\$200 administration fee assessment	\$300 administration fee assessment
3.1.14	Failed to attend a discipline hearing for any 3.1 penalties or sanctions	Match Official is suspended until they request and attend a subsequent hearing		

3.1.15	Reported for using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures directed at a discipline or appeal hearing panel member or members	3 to 12 month suspension	6 to 18 month suspension	1 to 3 year suspension
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SECTION 4. SANCTIONS FOR TEAMS AND CLUBS

Misconduct Code	Description of Misconduct	Sanction
4.1.1	Where a referee sanctions at least 5 members of the same team during a match (caution or expulsion)	Team/Club fine of \$250
4.1.2	Where several players or Officials of the same team threaten or harass Game Officials or other person(s).	Team/Club fine of \$1,000
4.1.3	Where 2 or more players surround a match official to protest a decision.	Team/Club fine of \$250 and team forfeits game.
4.1.4	An ineligible player takes part in a sanctioned competition game(s)	Discipline Hearing on liability and penalty by Competition or League. Team/Club fine of \$250 and team forfeits game(s)
4.1.5	Where a team does not play or abandons a game.	Discipline Hearing on liability and penalty by Competition or League. Team/Club fine as determined by the hearing panel, with game forfeited or replayed as per competition rules.
4.1.6	Where a team participates in a brawl at a game.	Discipline Hearing on liability and penalty by Competition or League. A six game suspension on those found guilty of inciting or provoking the brawl.
4.1.7	Failed to attend a discipline hearing for any 4.1 sanctions	Team/Club fine of \$1,000