

PART 4: DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

4.1 JUDICIARY PANEL

- All disciplinary measures in the 'Bosco Summer Soccer Competition' (Competition) shall be under the authority of the 'Bosco Summer Soccer Judiciary Panel' (JP).

4.2 MEMBERS

- The JP shall consist of three members.
- Any persons (including Players, Team Contacts, parents, supporters, witnesses and Referee/s) directly involved with the match or matches being discussed in a JP meeting are ineligible to be part of the JP.

4.2.1 JP Chairperson

- The JP Chairperson shall be:
 - Appointed by the 'Bosco Summer Soccer Committee' (Committee).
 - A member of the 'Bosco Summer Soccer Executive Committee' (Executive Committee).
 - Replaced (as a member of the JP but not in the role of JP Chairperson) by another member of the Executive Committee if unavailable or ineligible to participate in a JP meeting; if this is not possible then replaced by an eligible member of the Committee.
- If all three appointed members of the JP are unavailable or ineligible to participate in a JP meeting, the replacement members shall elect one of the replacement members to act in the role JP Chairperson for the JP meeting.
- The JP Chairperson shall:
 - Record all Yellow card reports
 - Collate all reports for deliberation by the JP
 - Convene the JP for any offences which may be penalised with a suspension longer than one (1) week (as *per* tables in Sections 4.5 and 4.6)
 - Minute the JP meeting and table the minutes at the first next Committee meeting
 - Organise the execution of any disciplinary measures imposed by the JP

4.2.2 JP Vice-Chairperson

- The JP Vice-Chairperson shall be:
 - Appointed by the Committee.
 - A member of the Committee.
 - Replaced (as a member of the JP but not in the role of JP Vice-Chairperson) by another member of the Committee if unavailable or ineligible to participate in a JP meeting.
- If all three appointed members of the JP are unavailable or ineligible to participate in a JP meeting, the replacement members shall elect one of the replacement members to act in the role JP Vice-Chairperson for the JP meeting.
- The JP Vice-Chairperson shall undertake the role of JP Chairperson when the appointed JP Chairperson is unavailable or ineligible for JP duty.

4.2.3 JP Referee Coordinator

- The JP Referee Coordinator shall be:
 - Appointed by the Committee.
 - The Referee Coordinator on duty at the time of the incident being discussed by the JP.
 - Replaced by another eligible Referee Coordinator if unavailable or ineligible to participate in a JP meeting; if this is not possible then replaced by an eligible member of the Committee.
- The JP Referee Coordinator (or replacement) may never undertake the role of JP Chairperson or JP Vice-Chairperson.

4.3 PROCEDURES

4.3.1 Frequency of meeting

- A JP meeting to investigate an incident shall be convened within four (4) days of the incident.
- Later or further JP meeting/s to investigate an incident are at the discretion of the JP.

4.3.2 Reports for Discussion

- The JP shall be convened by the JP Chairperson to discuss all:
 - Referees' Red Card Reports
 - Incident Reports written by Referees, Referee Coordinators or members of the Committee. The JP may, in some cases, consider a Referee's Red Card Report to also include an Incident Report (e.g. player's aggressive behaviour after being shown a Red Card).
 - Written Reports of incidents that happened off the field of play and not under the control of a Match Referee.
- All reports for investigation must be received by the JP and/or Committee within two (2) days of the incident. The JP may, at its discretion, also:
 - Accept Reports received more than two (2) days after the incident
 - Request further information (verbal or written) as part of its investigation

4.3.3 Attendance at JP Meeting

- All members of the JP (or their replacements as *per* 4.2 Members)
- JP Chairperson shall invite any player, Team Contact or other person directly involved or who might assist in the investigation of the incident
- JP shall invite the Relevant Age Group Coordinator

4.4 POWERS

- Decisions of the JP are final.
- JP shall impose suspensions *per* offence in accordance with Sections 4.5 and 4.6 (*v.i.*)
- If more than one offence is committed, the penalties imposed shall not be served concurrently but consecutively. This also applies if a person is suspended for a part or a whole season.
- Penalties may apply to anyone (including persons other than the Players and Team Contacts) found guilty of an offence as well as the Team/s directly associated with the guilty person/s at the time of the incident.
- JP shall investigate Written Reports of offences not listed in Sections 4.5 and 4.6 (*v.i.*). Any suspensions imposed shall be at the discretion of the JP.
- Any Team (including Players, Team Contact, parents and/or supporters) that breaches any disciplinary measures imposed by the JP shall:
 - Forfeit all matches at which such breaches occurred
 - Not be allowed to play until the Player and/or Team Contact attends a hearing with the JP

4.4.1 Abandoned Matches

- If a match is abandoned for disciplinary reasons, the JP shall:
 - Determine the outcome of the match and/or
 - Impose disciplinary measures if necessary.

4.4.2 Mistaken Identity

- A Team Contact may protest on behalf of a Team Member (Player, Team Contact, parent or supporter) against a disciplinary measure imposed by the JP only on the basis of Mistaken Identity.
- The protest must:
 - be in writing
 - be received by the JP and/or Committee at least 48 hours before kick-off of the team's next match
 - identify the correct offending person
- If the protest is upheld by the JP, the correct offending person may then be disciplined instead of the originally identified person.

4.5 SUSPENSIONS: RED CARD OFFENCES BY PLAYERS AND/OR TEAM CONTACTS AGAINST PLAYERS AND OTHER PERSONS (EXCEPT REFEREES)

- For suspensions longer than one (1) match, the JP:
 - shall reduce the suspension by one (1) match if the Player/Team Contact does not appeal nor argue against neither the accusations nor the decision of the JP
 - may reduce the suspension by more than one (1) match; however, Player/Team Contact must serve a minimum one (1) match suspension
- A Player/Team Contact involved with more than one team (as a player and/or Team Contact) must serve suspensions with the same team for which the Player/Team Contact received the Red Card. The Player/Team Contact may still participate in the other team/s.
- Suspensions apply only to the Competition at the time of the incident and not to the following season.

R1 – SECOND CAUTION DURING MATCH

1 match suspension

R2 – SERIOUS FOUL PLAY

CHALLENGING FOR THE BALL IN PLAY

Violent tackle that endangers the safety of an opponent.

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
1 - 2 match suspension	3 match suspension	≥ 4 match suspension
Low impact	Moderate impact	Extreme force with high impact

R3 – VIOLENT CONDUCT

NOT CHALLENGING FOR THE BALL

Off the ball tackle or incident involving striking or attempted striking.
Involvement in a brawl or melee but not if attempting to prevent a fight or shield a player.

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
1 - 2 match suspension	3 match suspension	≥ 4 match suspension
Low impact striking or pushing. Minor part in brawl or melee	Moderate impact. Running in to join brawl or melee	Strong impact. Aggressive part in brawl or melee

R4 – SPITTING

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Spitting at or onto another person

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2
5 match suspension	≥ 5 match suspension
Spit at another person	Spit onto another person

R5 – OFFENSIVE CONDUCT

USE OF OFFENSIVE OR INSULTING LANGUAGE OR GESTURES

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2
1 - 2 match suspension	≥ 3 match suspension
One or two mildly offensive remarks or gestures, possibly in frustration or retaliation. Minor act of spitting but not at another person.	Strong offensive, insulting or abusive remarks or gestures, including racist, religious, ethnic or sexist remarks

4.6 SUSPENSIONS: OTHER OFFENCES BY PLAYERS AND/OR TEAM CONTACTS

- A Player/Team Contact involved with more than one team (as a player and/or Team Contact) must serve suspensions with all the teams for which the Player/Team Contact is involved.
- Suspensions shall carry over to the following Competition season/s.
- The above two points do not apply to the penalties imposed for Offence O1.

OFFENCE CODES	OFFENCE	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
O1	Accumulate three (3) Yellow Cards with the same team	1 match (same team)	1 match (same team)
O2	Bringing the game into disrepute	5 rounds	Life
O3	Offensive, insulting or abusive language or gestures towards the Referee, spectators or BSS officials	1 round	Rest of season and following season
O4	Violent conduct against (including spitting at or onto) the Referee, BSS Official or spectators	Rest of season	Life
O5	Inciting the spectators	Rest of season	Rest of season and following season
O6	Intentionally breach or encouraging to breach BSS Competition rules	Rest of season	Rest of season and following season
O7	Intentionally mislead the JP	Rest of season	Rest of season and following season
O8	Breach of a suspension by JP (additional to original suspension)	3 rounds	Rest of the season