

COMMON MISTAKES FOR PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE SYSTEM – DON'T BE THAT TEAM!

4.9.3. **Misconduct by Fan / Supporter.** The parents, fans or supporters of any STYSA team by attending a STYSA sponsored event subject themselves to the jurisdiction of the member association and its affiliates, the STYSA Appeals Committee, Executive Committee and the STYSA Governing Board.

* Anyone stepping foot on the parent sideline is, in fact, under the jurisdiction of STYSA and its member affiliates, WDDOA included, and therefore **can be dismissed** from a game, be the subject of an investigation, a disciplinary hearing, and receive disciplinary sanctions.

Spectators, parents, fans, or supporters of any STYSA team **who are sent away from the field of play by a referee or a competition official shall receive an immediate two (2) week suspension or until a hearing is held, whichever comes first, and may not be present at any STYSA or USYSA sanctioned activity, including but not limited to games, practices, practice games, tournaments, or friendly games, during such period.**

* Any spectator can be dismissed from the field by the referee or a competition official and the spectator has to comply by leaving the field/complex and must serve an immediate 2 week suspension. A competition official is defined under 4.2.7 (see back of page) and can be but not limited to: WDDOA site coordinator, WDDOA board member and/or staff, field marshal, etc.

The failure to comply with the discipline **imposed, either automatically or at any level of authority**, shall be **sufficient** cause for the STYSA Appeals Committee to discipline the player related to the spectator, parent, fan or supporter; the team which the **spectator**, parent, fan or supporter supports; and/or the coach of such team. **(Changed 2.22.2015)**

* If the spectator who was dismissed refuses to comply, the player/team they are related to **can** be disciplined instead!

4.9.6. **Additional Suspensions**

1. **Violent Conduct**, including but not limited to the aggression of a player towards an opponent with clearly no intent to play the ball, or fighting with, hitting or punching a player, coach, trainer, spectator, referee or administrator.
2. **Offensive, insulting or abusive language** and/or gestures directed toward a player, coach, trainer, spectator, referee or administrator.
3. **Spitting** on or at a player, coach, trainer, spectator, referee, or administrator. **(Changed 2.22.2015)**

Which means: the suspension period is 2 weeks and a minimum of 2 games so a player who receives a red card for Violent Conduct (VC / S2), Foul and Abusive Language (AL / S3), or Spitting (S / S6) has to leave the field and is immediately suspended from all soccer activities including but not limited to: training, scrimmages, tournaments, and **all games for 2 weeks** as well as an additional game suspension. **The 2 weeks are calculated starting the day after the game.** If the team he/she is rostered to has 3 or more games during the suspension period, the player cannot attend any of them but will be cleared to play at the end of the suspension period as he/she will have sat out the additional game required by the rule. If the team only has 1 game during the suspension period, the player will have to sit out the additional game after the suspension period but will be cleared to participate in training, scrimmages, etc.

Please Remember: just because a player is not automatically crossed off on a GotSoccer printed gamecard does not make them eligible to participate. It is up to you to make sure the player sits out their suspension. Please cross the player off manually to make sure it is known they did not play. Any player not crossed through will be viewed as having participated.

4.9.5.a.(1)(c) **Ejected Coach, Assistant Coach or Trainer** – If a coach, assistant coach or trainer is ejected or asked to leave a game by the referee, then suspension:
(1) for the remainder of that day; and
(2) for the next regularly scheduled match day; and
(3) for the next game actually played by the team which played the game from which he / she was ejected.

Suspension will not be served in forfeited, friendly or invitational tournament matches.

A coach, assistant coach, or trainer will not be shown a yellow or a red card.

* (1) must leave the field/complex and cannot coach or be present with any team (the team they were coaching when dismissed or any other team they may coach or assist) that day.

* (2) Regularly scheduled match days are Saturdays and Sundays.

Which means: If a suspension occurred on a Saturday, the coach, assistant coach, or trainer may not coach or be present with any team (the team they were coaching when dismissed or any other team they may coach) regardless of division level on Sunday. If the dismissal occurred on a Sunday, no coaching with any team the following Saturday.

* (3) After the “next regularly scheduled match day” suspension has been served, the coach, assistant coach, or trainer can be present with any other team **except** the team with which they were dismissed. **Exception:** should the team with which the coach, assistant coach, or trainer was dismissed have a previously published game scheduled on or before the “next regularly scheduled match day” suspension is served, they must sit out that game, then serve the “match day” suspension with all teams which will clear them to return and coach any team the following game day.

Example: Coach assigned 3 teams, A, B, and C. All 3 teams have a game scheduled on Sunday. Coach gets dismissed from first game of the day with team A. Coach cannot coach any of his teams or be present the rest of that day. Team A has a game the following Wednesday. Coach cannot coach or be present. Teams B and C have games on Saturday. Coach cannot coach or be present with any team. Coach is then clear to coach ALL his teams Sunday (the following game day).

These rule excerpts were copied from the STYSA Administrative Handbook. The full version can be found online at: www.stxsoccer.org

STYSA PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE SYSTEM – OVERVIEW

PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE SYSTEM – STYSA ADMINISTRATIVE HANDBOOK: DISCIPLINE/PROTEST SECTION

4.9.3. **Misconduct by Fan / Supporter.** The parents, fans or supporters of any STYSA team by attending a STYSA sponsored event subject themselves to the jurisdiction of the member association and its affiliates, the STYSA Appeals Committee, Executive Committee and the STYSA Governing Board. **Therefore**, misconduct by a spectator, parent, fan or supporter can be investigated and disciplinary action can be taken by any of the various levels which have jurisdiction over the team involved. Spectators, parents, fans, or supporters of any STYSA team who are sent away from the field of play by a referee or a competition official shall receive an immediate two (2) week suspension or until a hearing is held, whichever comes first, and may not be present at any STYSA or USYSA sanctioned activity, including but not limited to games, practices, practice games, tournaments, or friendly games, during such period.

If disciplinary sanctions in addition to the above automatic suspension are not imposed at the local level, the STYSA Appeals Committee may investigate the matter and hold a hearing to determine what disciplinary actions, if any, should be provided, and pursuant to such hearing, may impose such additional disciplinary sanctions as it determines to be appropriate. Such discipline can include, but is not limited to, prohibiting the spectator, parent, fan or supporter from attending any STYSA sponsored event, including games, practices and tournaments, for a period of time or indefinitely. The failure to comply with the discipline imposed, either automatically or at any level of authority, shall be sufficient cause for the STYSA Appeals Committee to discipline the player related to the spectator, parent, fan or supporter; the team which the spectator, parent, fan or supporter supports; and/or the coach of such team. **(Changed 2.22.2015)**

4.9.6. **Additional Suspensions.** Reports of assault which do not involve referee assault and reports of ejections for the acts of misconduct listed below (based upon the referee's statements on the Game Report and supplemental USSF Referee Reports or statements from competition officials) shall result in an immediate two (2) week suspension or until a hearing is held, whichever comes first, of all identified participants (players, coaches, trainers, spectators), and they may not be present at any STYSA or USYSA sanctioned activity, including but not limited to games, practices, practice games, tournament play, or friendly games during such period. A minimum of one game shall be added to the suspensions provided for in 4.9.5.

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2. **Offensive, insulting or abusive language** and/or gestures directed toward a player, coach, trainer, spectator, referee or administrator.
3. **Spitting** on or at a player, coach, trainer, spectator, referee, or administrator. **(Changed 2.22.2015)**

Please Note: If a coach is ejected for any other reason than above, then STYSA Rule 4.9.5 section a.(1)(c) applies:

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(1) for the remainder of that day; and
(2) for the next regularly scheduled match day; and
(3) for the next game actually played by the team which played the game from which he / she was ejected.
Suspension will not be served in forfeited, friendly or invitational tournament matches.

DEFINITIONS – STYSA ADMINISTRATIVE HANDBOOK: DISCIPLINE/PROTEST SECTION

4.2.2. **Assault** is an intentional act of physical violence. Assault includes, but is not limited to, the following acts: hitting, kicking, punching, slapping, choking, spitting at or on; grabbing or bodily running into; the act of kicking or throwing any object at another that could inflict injury; damaging a uniform or personal property; i.e., car, equipment (cards, whistle, notebook, etc.) or knocking equipment or other objects out of the hand.

4.2.7. **Competition Official.** An individual (paid or volunteer) appointed by an appropriate administrative authority to act in an official capacity as a field marshal, assignor, or scheduler, or in another administrative support role. **(Added 2.22.2015)**

4.2.17. **Suspension** is defined as follows:

- a. A coach, assistant coach or trainer may not attend or observe one or more matches and may not participate in warm-up or half-time activities of the match or matches.
- b. A player may not play in one or more matches **with the team they are currently rostered to or with another team using the Club Player Pass system.** The player may attend the next match or matches played, but not in uniform. (Added 7.21.13)