

The unjust murder of George Floyd here in Minnesota earlier this summer, along with more recent examples of injustice, are sickening reminders that racism is real and racial injustice is far too prevalent. Change begins at home, right here in Northfield. So with that said, we as an organization want to make it perfectly clear: We reject racism, hatred, and inequality of all forms. We are not perfect, but we commit to listening and learning. We value diversity and we know it makes us better as a community. We want black and brown members of our community to feel heard and that their lives matter. Earlier this year our board created an inappropriate language policy and now feels like an appropriate time to share it (see below). Please contact us if you would like to talk; with respectful conversation we can grow and heal.

Northfield Soccer Association proposed steps for dealing with racial or player to player abuse of any kind:

First Offense: Verbal warning in discussion with Coach, Director of Coaching and Parent(s) present. Make subsequent steps clear to offender.

Second Offense: Three game suspension from League play and all practices between the first and third game of the suspension, which carries over to next season if need be. Any tournament games that may fall within the three game suspension would also not be permitted, but would not count toward game suspensions. Two week suspension from training if incident occurs during winter training.

Third Offense: Permanent banishment from all Northfield Soccer Association play.

No refunds will be given for missed time.