

# Penalty Point Management

Understanding Discipline, Cautions & Suspensions...How to Track It All



**Cautions and Suspensions:** team representatives are responsible for inputting game results – Score as well as Cautions and Ejections - into GotSport after each game. Cautions and Ejections accumulate all season long and additional disciplinary actions are required for players and coaches per Section 4 of the STYSA Rules.

## Penalty Point Reference Guide

	Cautions Code	Description	Penalty Points
<b>YELLOW CARD</b>	UB	Unsporting behavior	3
	DT	Dissent by word or action	3
	PI	Persistent infringement	3
	DR	Delaying the restart of play	3
	FDR	Failure to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick or throw-in	3
	E	Entering the field of play without the referee's permission	3
	L	Deliberately leaving the field of play without referee's permission	3
<b>RED CARD</b>	SFP	Serious foul play	9
	VC *	Violent conduct - * <b>2 Week Suspension &amp; minimum 2 Games</b>	9
	S *	Spitting at an opponent or any other person - * <b>2 Week Suspension &amp; minimum 2 Games</b>	9
	DGH	Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball	9
	DGF	Denies an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offense punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick	9
	AL *	Using offensive, insulting and/or abusive language or gestures - * <b>2 Week Suspension &amp; minimum 2 Games</b>	9
	2CT	Receiving a second caution in the same match	9

### What you need to keep in mind:

- Yellow cards are worth 3 Penalty Points
- Red Cards are worth 9 Penalty Points
- An individual who accumulates three yellow cards in three separate games will earn a suspension in the next scheduled game due to an accumulation of 9 points. The same is true for accumulating 18, 24, 30, etc. Additional suspensions will apply:
  - 9 Penalty Points = 1 game suspension
  - 18 Penalty Points = 2 game suspension
  - 24 Penalty Points = 3 game suspension
  - 30 Penalty Points = 4 game suspension
- **Not all Red Cards are created equal:** Violent Conduct, Spitting, and Abusive Language carry an automatic two-week suspension from all soccer activities including but not limited to games, practice games, tournaments, friendly games. A hearing may be convened to determine whether additional sanctions will be levied. For additional information and/or to read the entire rule, please reference STYSA Rule: 4.9.6
- Penalty Points are accumulated across all teams a player/coach is participating with.
- Suspensions must be served with the Primary team for the player (not Club Passing allowed until the suspension is served) and with the team the coach was participating with when the suspension was earned.

It is **crucial** teams have a system of recording Cautions and Suspensions. A player or coach who is found to have participated in a game they were ineligible for will incur additional disciplinary actions including but not limited to forfeits and associated fines. You can use your own recording system or the Penalty Point Report form [CLICK HERE](#).

**Please Note:** All of the above is found in detail in Section 4 of the [STYSA Administrative Handbook](#) under 4.9. Progressive Discipline System.

Game cards may not be received in time for GotSport to be updated accurately (if needed) and therefore for suspension notifications to be sent systematically and in a timely manner. It is the coaches' and the team managers' responsibility to make sure all suspension rules are enforced.