



Highland Youth Soccer Club
Executive Board Policy
Fines/Suspensions/Other Penalties
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Pursuant to the club's bylaws, the executive board has the authority to impose fines, suspensions or other penalties on a case-by-case basis.

Accordingly, the board will adopt the following policy, effective immediately:

(1) **League Suspensions.** The club will match all league suspensions, game for game, and reserves the right to increase the suspension awarded by the club. (For example, a two game suspension levied by SJGSL will automatically result in an additional two game suspension by HYSC, requiring the person to sit out four games. The board reserves the right to require the person to sit out more than four games, depending on the circumstances surrounding the offense.)

(2) **Red Card/2 Yellow Cards.** (a) A red card by a player or a coach or spectator during the course of a season will automatically result in a one game suspension over and above the penalty imposed in section (1). (For example, if a player is red carded and suspended for two games by the league, he/she will sit a total of five games -- 2 for league, 2 for the club matching under section (1), and 1 for the red card under this section (2)).

(b) If a player or a coach or spectator receives two yellow cards during the course of a season, the board will review the referee's card for the games in question and in its discretion, impose a one game suspension over and above the penalty imposed in section (1). Cards given for verbal abuse, obscene gestures or other offensive actions or language will automatically result in a suspension under this section. (For example, if the player received two yellow cards during the season, but was not suspended by the league, he/she can still be suspended for one game by HYSC under this rule.).

(3) **2 or More Red Cards/4 or More Yellow Cards**. Two or more red cards or four or more yellow cards by a player or a coach or spectator during the course of a season will automatically result in a four game suspension over and above the penalty imposed in section (1).

(For example, a player who receives one red card could be suspended for 2 games by the league. Section (1) would add a 2 game matching suspension and section (2) an additional one game suspension. If the player receives another red card that season, they will be suspended an additional eight games -- 2 more by the league, 2 by the club in section (1) and 4 here for the second violation in section (3)).

(4) **Multiple Cards to a Team**. Where one team receives five or more cards or poor conduct ratings, during a season, the head coach will be suspended for one game, in addition to any applicable penalty imposed by the league or by the club as indicated herein. Ten or more such violations will result in a suspension for five games or the remainder of the season, whichever is longer, in addition to penalties imposed by the league.

(5) **Fighting/Racial Actions**. Penalties levied by a league on a player or coach or spectator for fighting or racially motivated actions will result in a suspension for five games or the remainder of the season, whichever is longer, in addition to penalties imposed by the league.

(6) **Additional Penalties**. The club reserves the right to modify club imposed fines, penalties or suspensions on a case by case basis.

Penalties imposed by the club may carry over into the next season played by that coach or player.

The aggrieved party may appeal the club imposed penalty to the Executive Board in writing. The board will adhere to its procedures on handling complaints. An unsuccessful appeal will result in an additional one game suspension, which may be waived by the board, but which is nonappealable.