

Harleysville Soccer Association Proposed Intramural Program Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Actions

Good conduct by all players, parents, and coaches is mandatory before, during and after all games. Each team is responsible for the conduct of its fans.

Section 1. Game Ejections and Length of Suspensions

- a. Players will be ejected from a game being played and suspended from subsequent games for violent conduct as follows:
 1. Deliberately attempting to strike or kick an opponent, colleague, or spectator.
All Ages: 1st Offense, 2 games, 2nd Offense, remainder of the season
 2. Deliberately striking or kicking an opponent, colleague, or spectator.
All Ages: 1st Offense, 2 games, 2nd Offense, remainder of the season
 3. Fighting (engaging in combat with an opponent, colleague, or spectator by means of a mutual exchange of blows delivered by hand, head, foot, or other portions of the body).
All Ages: 1st Offense, 4 games, 2nd Offense, remainder of the season
 4. Deliberately striking or kicking or attempting to strike or kick a referee or linesman.
All Ages: 1st Offense, 2 years, 2nd Offense, lifetime banishment from HSA programs
 5. The throwing of objects (i.e.: soccer ball, equipment, snow, ice, stones, rocks, dirt, mud, etc.) at an opponent, colleague, or spectator.
All Ages: 1st Offense, 2 games, 2nd Offense, remainder of the season
 6. The throwing of any object, or spitting at a referee or linesman.
All Ages: 1st Offense, 8 games, 2nd Offense, 1 year minimum
 7. Spitting at or on an opponent, colleague or spectator.
All Ages: 1st Offense, 2 games, 2nd Offense, remainder of the season
 8. Verbal threat of bodily harm or property directed at opponent, colleague or spectator.
All Ages: 1st Offense, 2 games, 2nd Offense, remainder of the season
 9. Verbal threat of bodily harm or property directed at a referee or linesman.
All Ages: 1st Offense, 2 games, 2nd Offense, remainder of the season
 10. Gesturing or signaling obscenely at an opponent colleague or spectator.
All Ages: 1st Offense, 2 games, 2nd Offense, remainder of the season
 11. Gesturing or signaling obscenely at a referee or linesman.
All Ages: 1st Offense, 2 games, 2nd Offense, remainder of the season
- b. Ejections for serious foul play:
 1. Play characterized by fouls, as directed by law XII of the FIFA Laws of the Game of an aggravated nature committed with such fervor as to threaten an opponent with serious physical harm.
All Ages: 1st Offense, 2 game min. 2nd Offense, remainder of the season
- c. Ejections for abusive language:
 1. Directed at an opponent, colleague, or spectator.
All Ages: 1st Offense, 2 games 2nd Offense, remainder of the season
 2. Directed at a referee or linesman.
All Ages: 1st Offense, 4 games 2nd Offense, remainder of the season
- d. Ejection for persistent misconduct (after receiving a caution):
 1. Misconduct (i.e.: un-sporting (gentlemanly) conduct, persistent infringement of the Laws of the Game, unauthorized entry on the field of play, etc.).
All Ages: 1st Offense, 1 game 2nd Offense, 2 games minimum
 2. Dissent. (Law XII: Any word or action against the referee, which shows disagreement.)
All Ages: 1st Offense, 1 game 2nd Offense, 2 games minimum
Coaches 1st Offense, 2 games 2nd Offense, 4 games minimum
- e. Conduct detrimental to the good and welfare:
 1. Any player, team official, club officer, or spectator whose conduct is considered to be detrimental to the good and welfare of the game shall be suspended for a minimum of one game for the first offense and for a minimum of two games for the second offense or more within a two year period.

2. Any coach who receives an ejection from a referee who is 18 years or younger, or whose conduct is considered detrimental to the game from a referee who is 18 years or younger will receive double the penalty.
 3. Any coach who is serving a suspension is forbidden to be at the site of the team's game during play of that game while under suspension. Violation of a coach's suspension will lead to further disciplinary action at the discretion of the HSA Executive Board, up to and including forfeiture of team games.
- f. Use of an ineligible player:
1. A team which without league sanction, fields a player ineligible because of improper or non-registration shall forfeit the game.
- g. Refusal to play or continue a game:
1. A team that which refuses to play a scheduled game or terminates or abandons a game without the permission of the referee shall forfeit said game. Individuals involved in such non-playing of games may be subject to suspension.
- h. Any ejection or suspension which results in a person being suspended for the remainder of the season, regardless of the length of time or number of games that represents, will be automatically subject to a disciplinary review by the HSA Executive Board prior to being considered eligible for the following season.

Section 2. Notification

- a. If a referee is present, judgment on whether a actionable offense has occurred will be at his/her sole discretion.
- b. The referee (or if none is present the coaches of the teams involved in the game in which an offense occurs) shall notify the appropriate League Manager of the nature and circumstances involving an ejection and/or unacceptable conduct, preferably as soon as it occurs.
- c. If a team representative, coach or other individual wants to offer information they feel should be considered in determining the length of the suspension, the coach of the offending player's team must submit this information in writing via email to the appropriate League Manager within 24 hours of the offense. It will be the responsibility of the League Manager to notify the Intramural Program Director of the situation.
- d. A panel of at least three members of the HSA Executive Board (including the Intramural Program Director) will review the information received to determine whether extenuating circumstances exist that would warrant alteration of the established suspension.
- e. IM Program Director will notify the coach(es) of the team of the offending player and the League Manager of the final suspension decision.

Section 3. Suspensions for Game Ejection

- a. A suspension for game ejection is served in the game(s) following the ejection. The length of the suspension does not include the game in which the player was ejected. In the provisions of Section 1, the first number of games listed is for a first offense during the current seasonal year, while the second number of games listed is for additional offenses during the same seasonal year.
- b. Cautions and expulsions from the field for a coach, assistant coach, or spectator will be viewed and treated the same as such disciplinary actions for a player.
- c. The above suspensions are considered minimums. The Harleysville Soccer Association reserves the right to increase these suspensions based on the seriousness of the violation. Situations not outlined herein will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis by HSA