

**MCSSA DISCIPLINE Guidelines**

*Division Commissioner & Discipline Arbiter apply the suspension info below as "guidelines;" The following guidelines apply to any MCSSA sanctioned event and can result in penalty points, probation, fines, and/or team sanctions. MCSSA discipline guidelines apply to activities before, during, and after sanctioned events. **Player fines are to be paid prior to their return to play.** Team fines are to be paid within 1 calendar week (7 days) of being advised by the league DC. Team fines not paid in a timely manner may result in a forfeit of each game scheduled while waiting for payment.*

**Cautionable Offenses:** Any player cautioned during a match must exit the field and may be substituted for another player (NFHS). Players receiving a subsequent caution are sent off and may be substituted for another player (NFHS).

Code	Description	Player Points	Team Points	Additional Points for players or teams on Probation	Fine and Suspension
UB	Unsporting Behavior	2	2	+1	None
DT	Dissent by word or action	2	2	+1	None
PI	Persistent Infringement	1	1		None
DR	Delays restart	1	1		None
FRD	Fails to respect the required distance	1	1		None
E	Re-enters field without permission	2	2		None
L	Leaves field without permission	1	1		None

**Send-Off Offenses:** Any player sent off prior to a match, during a match, or booked with a send off offense after a match must sit out a minimum of one game.

SFP	Serious Foul Play	5	5	+2	1 game and \$25 fine
VC	Violent Conduct	7	8	+3	3 games and \$25 fine
S	Spits at an opponent or any other person	5	5	+3	4 games and a \$25 fine
DGH	Denies the opposing team a goal scoring opportunity by handling the ball	2	2		1 game and a \$25 fine
DGF	Denies the opposing team a goal scoring opportunity by a direct free kick foul	3	3	+1	1 game and a \$25 fine
AL	Offensive/Abusive Language	3	3	+1	1 game and a \$25 fine
2CT	Subsequent Caution	5	5	+1	\$25 fine

**Specific Offenses** as reported by Referee, League Commissioners, etc. regardless of cards given.

TR	Threatens Referee(s) in any manner	10	10	+5	6 games
AR	Assaults (touches, strikes or attempts to strike) Referee(s) in any manner	12	12	+5	Season <sup>i</sup>

**Accumulated Penalty Points in a season**

When applicable, these suspensions 'include' those indicated above, but in any case shall be applied whenever game reports are received and points are calculated.	>= 8	>= 15		Add 1 game for player, \$25 player or team fine
	>= 13	>= 25		Add 2 games for player & player probation <sup>ii</sup> , \$50 player or team fine
		>= 30		\$100 team fine and notice of probation to team
	>= 18	>= 40		Player suspended for season <sup>iii</sup> & playoffs, \$100 player fine Team suspended for the season & playoffs <sup>iv</sup> , \$200 team fine

<sup>i</sup> Board of Directors approval necessary prior to return to league play. Players returning from suspension for a season begin their first season back on probation.

<sup>ii</sup> Players on probation are subject additional penalty points, fines, and penalties within the MCSSA guidelines. Players are removed from probation when they complete a full season without fines or suspensions. Players on probation are subject to weekly posting on the league web site.

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TEAM INFRACTIONS		DISCIPLINE
<b>Violence/Abuse</b>	Multi-player brawl/fighting (mass confrontation)	\$100 fine - notice of probation
	Multi-player abuse of referee	\$200 fine - team suspension <sup>v</sup> for at least the remainder of the season & playoffs.
<b>Cheating</b>	Use of ineligible player / falsifying roster without DC approval	\$50 fine; forfeit game 1-Of, or actual score if other team winning, and 10 team penalty points
<b>Game Communication, Field, or Equipment Screw-ups</b>	Cancels game in < 48 hrs (outside control of team)	\$25 fine and 5 team penalty points
	No-show for game; insufficient players	Forfeits game 1-Of; pays all referee fees, and 5 team penalty points
	Field not adequately prepared (e.g. no nets, no flags, unlined, uncut, no game balls)	\$25 fine and 5 team penalty points
	Inadequate uniforms/numbers; home team without alternate uniforms if color problem	\$25 fine and 2 team penalty points
	Abandons game without referee permission	\$50 fine and 10 team penalty points and forfeit of the match abandoned.
	Fails to pay referee(s) the proper game fee	\$25 fine, game fee, and 5 team penalty points
<b>Screw-ups with League Obligations</b>	Late team registration	\$25 fine (consider it a late registration fee)
	Late home-field declaration	\$25 fine
	Late payment of team fees	\$25 fine
	No-Show at League Meeting	\$50 fine