

UNITED SOCCER LEAGUE RULES OF CONDUCT

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As a general rule, all participant conduct is subject to the then-current FIFA Laws of the Game except as expressly modified by the United Soccer League's Rules of Competition and will be judged according to FIFA standards as modified by the United Soccer League's Rules of Competition and these Rules of Conduct

In the spirit of the game, the following guidelines will be used when determining suspensions and other penalties. Please, refer to the "Rules of Competition" for general information regarding the conduct of individuals. Below are some of the penalties that will be levied for infractions:

Verbal Infractions:

Arguing
Delay of Game
Offensive Language to Opponent,
Spectator, Manager
Unsportsman-like Conduct
Offensive Language to Referee

Penalty:

Yellow Card
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Yellow Card
Red Card

Physical Infractions:

Dangerous Play
Spitting at another individual, including,
without limitation, another player,
referee, team manager, fan
Retaliation
Fighting
Physical Threat to another individual, including
without limitation, referee, opponent, manager,
spectator

Penalty:

Yellow Card
Red Card
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Senior Division Only

What would otherwise be a legal, clean
slide tackle in any of the other divisions is
not permitted in the Senior Division

indirect free kick

Slide tackles resulting in the
awarding of a direct free kick
or penalty kick

Yellow or Red Card in the
referee's discretion depending on
egregiousness of foul

The following guidelines shall be used to determine the length of any suspension prescribed by the United Soccer League Rules of Conduct:

All Red Card infractions including, without limitation, Red Card infractions per FIFA, Red Card infractions specifically set forth in these Rules of Conduct, and those resulting from the issuance of a second yellow card within the same game will result in a minimum 1 game suspension.

- **Cursing at the referee** will result in a minimum of a 2 game suspension.
- **Spitting** will result in a minimum of a 3 game suspension.
- **Physical threat to another individual** will result in a minimum of a 3 game suspension.
- **Retaliation against an opponent** will result in a minimum of a 3 game suspension.
- **Kicking another individual** will result in a minimum 3 game suspension.
- **Fighting/retaliation that results in serious injury** will result in a minimum of a 10 game suspension.

Additionally, the following penalties are extracted from the United Soccer League “Rules of Competition” guidelines and/or were decided upon and voted into law by the majority league members:

- Players who receive a yellow card in two consecutive games are suspended for 1 game.
- Players who receive 4 yellow cards in one season are suspended for 1 game.
- Players who receive multiple red cards or more than three yellow cards will require an automatic review by the games Conduct Committee. If the Conduct Committee determines that the record justifies it, additional penalties will be invoked.
- A player receiving a first yellow card is suspended for ten minutes from the game. That player can be replaced by a substitute; if no substitutes are available, then the penalized team has to play short. Suspensions for a yellow card issued late in the first half are carried over into the second half.

All infractions will be reviewed by the Games Conduct Chairman and, if necessary, the Conduct Committee. It will be the responsibility of the Team Captain and/or Manager of the offending player to contact the Games Conduct Chairman, to discuss any details pertinent to the infraction(s) **prior to the next scheduled game.** In addition to the discussion with the Team Captain/Manager, the referee report will also be used to determine what penalties/suspensions should be assessed based on the infraction/s committed. If there is no contact made by the Team Captain/Manager, then the penalties assessed will be based on the information in the referee report, using the guidelines above.

Any questions or clarifications can be directed to the Games Conduct Chairman.