



Classic League

A & D Cumulative Card System

The Classic League operates on the NTSSA Cumulative Card System. Cards are defined and allocated as follows:

RED CARDS

Red Cards given for serious foul play, violent conduct, foul or abusive language, spitting on another player, racial slurs, etc., carry a minimum (1) game sit out. Additional suspension time will be determined by A&D after taking into consideration the officials write up. Depending on the severity of the dismissal, a hearing could be scheduled.

CAUTIONS

(yellow cards or double caution Send Offs)

Unsportsmanlike Conduct: Deliberate tripping, severe dangerous play, foul tackle from behind, interference by other players when a referee is speaking to a player after an offense, or continued dissent.

Persistent Infringement: Deliberate obstruction, persistent infringement of the laws, shirt pulling or similar tactics, or deliberate encroachment at a free kick.

Time Wasting or Delay of Game: Deliberate hand ball, time wasting (including that by a goal keeper), moving arms to obstruct an opponent, gesturing in front of a player taking a free kick or throw-in, encroachment or ungentlemanly conduct at a penalty kick and other ungentlemanly conduct.

Enter/Leave Field: Entering or leaving the field without the referee's consent or leaning on a teammate to gain extra height.

Cards can be a very serious problem for players and teams. A player receiving 3 cumulative cautions must sit out one game, 2 additional cautions (cumulative of 5 cautions) results in another 2 game suspension, 1 more caution (cumulative of 6 cautions) results in an additional 1 game sitout and a cumulative 7 cautions (or 6 cautions plus 1 Red Card), results in a suspension of the player pending a hearing with Classic League A&D. Note: if a player receives his first two caution ejection of the year in a single game, he is not required to sit out his next game. Under the new rule this simply means that he has accrued two cautions and therefore is free to play the next game. Only if and when he receives his third caution will he be required to sit out a game. Teams that accumulate 25 cards (cautions plus Reds) or 7 Send Offs (Reds plus double caution send-offs) during the year are sent to NTSSA, where they must explain to the State A&D Committee why

they are accumulating so many cards. The punishment from NTSSA can be severe, possible suspension. Remember, these cards are all accumulated on an annual basis (September 1 to August 31) not per season. We suggest that Manager's keep a record of the player/team cards. This will help in your personal assessment of any potential card problem. After each game, only the Manager/Coach (or acting manager) can approach the referee to verify cards and player numbers given for their specific team. This is NOT permission to argue the call. Teams will be notified by their Age Commissioner (via A & D), if any of their players and/or team have exceeded any of these card totals.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1999 regarding Tournament and Classic League Rule on Adult Dismissal: If any non-player is ejected or sent off from any Classic League game, in addition to the automatic minimum one game suspension, that person will be automatically fined a minimum \$50.00. The adult(s) fine will be the financial responsibility of the applicable team or person dismissed, and it must be paid at the hearing or before. The hearing will be held to determine if more than the minimum one game suspension should be assessed. Failure of the individual to appear and failure of the team to pay the fine, may be grounds for removal of team points or possible suspension of the team.

SPECTATOR MISCONDUCT: As part of an evolving policy, please inform your parents that our referees may choose to deal with an unruly spectator by temporarily suspending the match and asking the coach (or coaches) to control the spectator. Should the spectator not calm down (or leave the sideline if instructed to do so), then the coach as well as the unruly spectator may be dismissed and, potentially, the game may even be abandoned (at the referees discretion). Additionally, league officials and or Field Marshalls will be monitoring our sidelines for inappropriate behavior, and may also ask unruly spectators to leave. Failure to comply could result in severe sanctions. If a game is abandoned and given the reason(s) for abandonment, the A & D Committee will decide as to the final score or if a replay will be scheduled (which is rare).

Coaches and/or spectators who are dismissed will NOT be shown a card (by directive of FIFA law). They will be verbally asked to leave. IMMEDIATE COMPLIANCE IS MANDATORY or additional sanctions will be severe. All dismissals will be referred to A & D for review. A minimum one game suspension will be assessed along with the \$50.00 fine.

Please be aware it is a privilege to play in the Classic League, and it is a privilege to attend games at the Classic League Soccer Complex at Richland College so please be on your best behavior for the kids sake.