

BAY-LAKES SOCCER ASSOCIATION FOR YOUTH

Green Bay, Wisconsin www.bay-lakes.org

PLAYERS CODE OF ETHICS AND BEHAVIOR

The player's code of ethics is established by the Laws of the game established by by Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) and modified or augmented by the organizational rules and laws of the game published by Soccer Association for Youth (SAY) (The SAY rules and laws have precedent over the FIFA laws). The Organizational rules and Laws of the game cover the penalties dealt out during a soccer game.

The Bay-Lakes Board of Directors has established the following table which covers suspensions and expulsions beyond the game. These penalties apply to all Area games and it is strongly recommended that districts adopt this or a similar code for in district play. These penalties shall be administered in accordance with established "due process" procedures by the Bay-Lakes Ethics Committee and rule 9 "Protests" in the SAY organizational rules.

NOTE: (1) All ejections automatically carry a one game suspension for the next game; additional games may be added for repeated or severe offenses. The player must be at the game to receive credit for serving his/her suspension.

(2) All ejections must be reported to the Area Referee Coordinator.

TERMS: **WARNING** – Is considered a verbal statement from the referee.

CAUTION – Yellow card, a second Yellow card (Yellow/Red) in the same contest will include an ejection.

EJECTION – Red card

SUSPENSION – Temporary removal from game participation. May carry over one season to the next.

EXPULSION – Removal from any Area participation.

1. Penalties assessed which are longer than the current season may carry over to the next season.
2. Disciplinary actions can be taken by the Area Commissioner and may be appealed to the Area Ethics Committee.
3. Protests of game decisions shall be administered in accordance with SAY organizational rule 9 "Protests". Appeals of suspensions and or expulsions will be heard by the Protest Committee as established by the Bay-Lakes due process procedure.

VIOLATION	PENALTY
1. Abusive Language directed at an official, player, coach, or spectator	Ejection, one game suspension
2. Offensive Language. Incidental language not directed to anyone	Caution
3. Threatening actions or words toward officials, players, coaches, or spectators	Ejection, one game suspension
4. Aggressive physical contact with the referee i.e., grabbing the arm, turning the referee around, poking, bumping, etc.	Ejection, one game suspension
5. Refusal to leave the playing field after ejection	Additional game suspension
6. * Striking an official	Ejection, and expulsion for the season and possible report to legal authorities (police)
7. * Intentionally striking, kicking, or spitting (assaulting) a player	Ejection, two game suspension, 2nd offense on expulsion for season
8. Harassment that is constant or excessive toward a referee or player	Caution
9. * Drugs & Alcohol – Either under the influence observed use during a game	Ejection, two game suspension, 2nd offense of or expulsion for season
10. Any other forms of cheating, or violations to the integrity of the game not listed above , including falsifying roster information, or playing ineligibly on a second team or under a false identity	May result in penalties as determined by the area review board

* Failure to adhere to these items shall be treated as defined in the Bay-Lakes due process procedure as serious violations of the Bay-Lakes Code of Ethics for players. Players charged with serious violations shall not participate in any Bay-Lakes activities until the complaint has been resolved.