

**GLADESVILLE HORNSBY FOOTBALL ASSOC
REFEREE CAUTION AND SEND-OFF CODES FOR 2011**

Cautions

| Code | Offence |
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| Y1 | Unsporting behaviour |
| Y2 | Dissent by word or action |
| Y3 | Persistent infringement of the Laws of the Game |
| Y4 | Delaying the restart of play |
| Y5 | Fail to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick or throw-in |
| Y6 | Enter or re-enter the field of play without the referee's permission |
| Y7 | Deliberately leave the field of play without the referee's permission |

Send-Offs

Section A

Offences by players against other players or any other person. This section also applies for offences by team officials against players or any other person after having been sent from the field.

| Code | Offence | Suspension (matches unless otherwise noted) | |
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| | | Automatic | Maximum |
| R1 | Serious Foul Play | | |
| | a) Excessive force or brutality when challenging for the ball when it is in play (eg, tackle from behind) that endangers the safety of an opponent). | 3 | 10 |
| | b) Rugby or Violent Charging | 2 | 8 |
| | c) Over the Ball Tackle | 2 | 12 |
| R2 | Violent Conduct | | |
| | Excessive force or brutality when NOT challenging for the ball (includes striking, kicking, elbowing or head-butting). May occur either in the field of play or not and against an opponent, team mate or any other | | |
| | a) Head Butting | 5 | 2 years |
| | b) Punching/Fighting | 2 | 8 |
| | c) Kicking | 2 | 12 |
| | d) Pushing, grabbing or holding | 1 | 6 |
| | e) Running in to become involved in melee, fight, or other incident | 2 | 12 |
| | e) Elbowing to the Head | 4 | 16 |
| f) Elbowing to the body | 2 | 10 | |
| R3 | Spitting | 1 year | 2 years |
| R4 | Denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity through handball | 1 | 4 |

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| R5 | Denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity through holding, tripping, impeding | 1 | 6 |
| R6 | Using Offensive, Insulting or Abusive Language/Gestures | 2 | 20 |
| | a) Using offensive, insulting or abusive language | 2 | 8 |
| | b) Making Offensive, abusive or insulting actions (includes racist, religious, ethnic or sexist remarks) | 4 | 20 |
| | c) Indecent, Threatening or Abusive Actions | 4 | 20 |
| R7 | Second Caution | 1 | 1 |

Section B – Offences Against Match Officials

Offences by players and team officials against match officials. This section also applies for offences by players and team officials against match officials after having been sent from the field.

| OFFENCES AGAINST MATCH OFFICIALS | | Suspension (matches unless otherwise noted) | |
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| Code | Offence | Automatic | Maximum |
| R2 | Violent Conduct Threatening or intimidating a Referee or Assistant Referee with relevant force by word or action | | |
| | g) Offence not covered below | 6 months | 10 years |
| | h) Tripping a Referee or Assistant Referee | 1 year | 30 years |
| | i) Pushing with an open hand, shoulder, hip, etc with intent | 1 year | 30 years |
| | j) Striking with the ball or other object | 1 year | 30 years |
| | k) Punching or kicking | 1 year | 30 years |
| R3 | Spitting | 1 year | 2 years |
| R6 | Using Offensive, Insulting or Abusive Language/Gestures | | |
| | d) Swearing - moderate (i.e. in frustration or muttered to self but overheard) not generally directed at a match official non threatening | 2 | 8 |
| | e) Use of offensive or insulting language directed at Match Officials | 4 | 20 |
| | f) Making abusive gestures towards Match Officials | 4 | 20 |
| | g) Indecent actions Includes racist, religious, ethnic or sexist remarks | 4 | 20 |

Note:

Players sent off on the weekend games can not appear at the P&D until they have received their sentence as they must serve at least one match which counts towards the sentence

Hearing/Sentence Procedure

The P&D Committee will meet and review the send-off reports/incident reports and determine sentence as appropriate to the offence on Tuesday (or at a day determined) from the previous weekend. Clubs will be notified of charged player(s) sentences by the Thursday following the game. Clubs will also receive notice of any cited persons following P&D reviewing incidents report/send-off reports

Punishment

If the Disciplinary Committee considers the offence is proved it must select the punishment from the above guidelines. Suspensions are calculated in fixtures or a time frame.

The Disciplinary Committee has the right to consider:

- a) the severity of the offence
- b) the players past record
- c) extenuating circumstances

Offenders who receive **more than the minimum** fixture penalty have two options:-

- a) Accept the penalty as stipulated, or
- b) Challenge the penalty, **and if the player is found guilty** he/she will be subject to a **penalty greater than the minimum by one or more fixtures up to the maximum** number as prescribed in the Regulations. To contest the player's Club must notify the Association by email by 10.00am on the Monday following notification of the penalty of their intention to contest.
- c) Players can request a copy of the Send-off or incident report to be sent to them prior to the hearing at the time of lodging the intention to contest the sentence, otherwise it will be available at the PD & C Hearing.

Appeal

All parties have the right to Appeal any suspension handed down by lodging an Appeal Fee of \$200 to the Association. This Appeal must be lodged to the association with the fee within 7 days from the date of the hearing.

Citing

The P&D may cite a player, team official or club official to appear if the committee feels that the offence warrants greater penalty than the automatic penalty or requires clarification on an offence.

Unacceptable Conduct by Team, Team Officials

Upon receipt of incident reports by clubs, referees, GHFRA or Officials of GHFA, the P&D will investigate any unacceptable conduct, including language, abuse and violent conduct by team officials or spectators during or at the completion of the game, and will determine a penalty if it determines one is warranted. Penalties may include suspension, fines, bonds or deduction of competition points for repeat offenders and could be in addition to penalties set out for Misconduct..

Misconduct

This is for offences by spectators, players, team official and club officials where an incident has occurred and no red card has been issued.

| Sentance | Offence |
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| 1 week to 30 yrs | Unsportsmanlike or unprofessional |
| 1 month to 30 yrs | Brings or may bring the Game into disrepute |

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| 1 month to 30 yrs | Violent behaviour or actions |
| 1 month to 30 yrs | Is improper, threatening, abusive, indecent, insulting or discriminatory whether by word or behaviour by reason of persons of ethical origin, colour, race, nationality, religion, sex, sexual orientation or disability or any other reason |
| 1 month to 30 yrs | Knowingly or willfully engages in the 'ring in" of a Player or Players in any Match or knowingly playing a suspended player |
| 1 month to 30 yrs | Is disrespectful or abusive of Match officials or of their decisions |
| 1 month to 30 yrs | Takes or makes action (physical or by word) against a player or team official |
| 1 month to 30 yrs | Hinders the proceedings of PD& C or Tribunal |
| 1 month to 30 yrs | Breach of any obligations imposed by Association or FNSW By-Laws |
| 1 month to 30 yrs | Is in breach of the Associations Code of Conduct |