

**GLADESVILLE HORNSBY FOOTBALL ASSOC  
REFEREE CAUTION AND SEND-OFF CODES  
& P & D COMMITTEE PROCEDURES  
FOR 2010**

**Cautions**

Code	Offence
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**

		Suspension (matches unless otherwise noted)	
Code	Offence	Automatic	Maximum
R1	<b>Serious Foul Play</b>	2	12
	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	<b>Violent Conduct</b> Excessive force or brutality when <b>NOT</b> 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	2	10 years
	a) Head Butting	5	2 years
	b) Punching/Fighting	2	8
	c) Kicking	2	12
	d) Elbowing to the Head	4	16
	e) Elbowing to the body	2	10
	f) Violent conduct against a Match Official, including pushing, striking, elbowing and head-butting.	4	10 years
R3	<b>Spitting</b>	8	1 year
R4	<b>Sabotaging an obvious goal scoring opportunity through handball</b>	1	4
R5	<b>Sabotaging an obvious goal scoring opportunity through holding, tripping, impeding</b>	1	6
R6	<b>Using Offensive, Insulting or Abusive Language/Gestures</b>	2	20
	a) Use of offensive, insulting or abusive language not covered by anything below	2	8
	b) Making offensive, insulting, abusive gesture or indecent actions Includes racist, religious, ethnic or sexist remarks	4	20
	c) Use of offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gesture against a Match Official or harassment (including racist, religious, ethnic or sexual) of a verbal nature	4	20
R7	<b>Second Caution</b>	1	1

**The P & D C reserves the right for serious offences to impose a sentence greater than the listed Maximum Penalty.**

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**Note:**

Players sent off in the weekend games **CAN NOT** appear at the P&DC meeting until they have received notification of their sentence as they must serve at least one match which counts towards the sentence.

**Hearing/Sentence Procedure**

The P&DC Committee will meet and review the send-off reports/incident reports and determine the 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&DC 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.

If an offender intends to challenge the sentence handed down by the P&DC, the player's club must inform the Association by email by 10.00am on the Monday following notification of the sentence of the intention of the offender to appear at the next P&DC hearing.

**Appeal to GHFA Appeal Committee**

Following confirmation of a sentence from any "challenge" there shall be a right of Appeal of any suspension handed down by the P&DC. The offender's Club must lodge an Appeal together with the Appeal Fee of \$250 with the Association within seven (7) days.

**Citing**

The P&DC may cite a player (s), team or club official to appear if the committee feels that the offence warrants it or the committee requires further clarification of the offence.

**Unduly Conduct by Team, Team Officials**

The P&DC can and will review all incident reports received from clubs, Referees Association or Officials of GHFA incurring any unduly conduct, including language, abuse and violent conduct by team officials or spectators during or at completion of the game. These penalties may include suspension, bonds or deduction of competition points for repeat offenders.