

SUSPENSIONS – SECTION A

OFFENSES BY PLAYERS AGAINST PLAYERS AND OTHER PERSONS

- Notes:** 1. To be used by the Judiciary Committee for offenses assessed by the committee as being from 1 to level 5 and carrying suspensions from a minimum of 2 matches to a maximum as is permissible within these guidelines.
2. The full range of suspensions applies to all offences referred to the Judiciary Committee and shown below under Football Federation of Australia (FFA) send off codes R1 to R7 and Football NSW regulations.
3. **Players who receive their 3rd double yellow send off (R7) in one season will receive an automatic 3 match suspension**

R1 IS GUILTY OF SERIOUS FOUL PLAY	CHALLENGING FOR THE BALL IN PLAY – Illegal contact with the legs or body using moderate to excessive force with a possibility of causing injury, including violent charging and over the ball tackles.			RANGE OF SUSPENSION MINIMUM 2 MATCHES	
LEVEL 1 2 MATCH SUSPENSION Mistimed, careless or late tackle with low level of violence.	LEVEL 2 3 MATCH SUSPENSION Careless or late tackle or body charge from any direction using moderate level of violence and with some risk of causing injury.	LEVEL 3 4 MATCH SUSPENSION Strong or reckless tackle or body charge with high risk of causing injury to the opponent.	LEVEL 4 OR 5 5 OR MORE MATCH SUSPENSION Using excessive to extreme force and showing disregard for the safety of an opponent.		
R2 IS GUILTY OF VIOLENT CONDUCT	NOT CHALLENGING FOR THE BALL - Off the ball tackle or incident involving striking, kicking, elbowing or head-butting, either on or off the field, against an opponent, team mate or any other person. Involvement in a brawl or melee or running in to join a melee causing the incident to escalate but not attempting to prevent a fight or shield a player			RANGE OF SUSPENSION MINIMUM 2 MATCHES	
LEVEL 1 2 OR 3 MATCH SUSPENSION Use of minimum force to strike or push, possibly in frustration or retaliation. Minor attempt to strike an opponent without making contact.	LEVEL 2 3 OR 4 MATCH SUSPENSION Striking once or twice to the body or head with moderate force, maybe in retaliation or in response to provocation.	LEVEL 3 4 TO 6 MATCH SUSPENSION One or more strikes to the head or body using strong force with a risk of causing injury, including kicking, whether provoked or not. Involvement in a melee or brawl.	LEVEL 4 OR 5 6 OR MORE MATCH SUSPENSION Level 4 Striking in anyway, including kicking or stomping, with a very strong force. Running in to take part and possibly prolonging a melee or a brawl. Level 5 Striking with strong and/or brutal force. Very aggressive and ongoing involvement in a melee or a brawl.		

R3 SPITS AT AN OPPONENT OR AT ANY OTHER PERSON.	ANY ACT OF SPITTING AT OR ONTO ANOTHER PLAYER OR ANY OTHER PERSON		RANGE OF SUSPENSIONS MINIMUM 3 MATCHES
	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2 3 MATCH SUSPENSION Minor act of spitting	LEVEL 3 4 MATCH SUSPENSION Spitting towards but not onto a player or another person
			LEVEL 4 OR LEVEL 5 4 OR MORE MATCH SUSPENSION Spitting on the lower body of a player or another person

ALL OTHER SPITTING OFFENCES INCLUDING SPITTING AT OR ON A MATCH OFFICIAL OR A MFA OFFICIAL TO BE REFERRED TO SPC

R6 USING OFFENSIVE, INSULTING OR ABUSIVE LANGUAGE AND/OR GESTURES	USE OF OFFENSIVE, INSULTING, INDECENT, DISCRIMINATORY OR RACIST LANGUAGE OR GESTURES, INCLUDING RELIGIOUS, ETHNIC OR SEXIST REMARKS.		RANGE OF SUSPENSIONS MINIMUM 2 MATCHES
	LEVEL 1 2 MATCH SUSPENSION One or two words or gestures carrying minor offence. Very minor offensive, but not insulting words to match official.	LEVEL 2 3 MATCH SUSPENSION Minor offence, insulting or abusive words, actions or gestures. Minor offensive but not insulting words to a match official.	LEVEL 3, LEVEL 4 OR LEVEL 5 4 OR MORE MATCH SUSPENSION Strong to very strong offensive, insulting or abusive words, gestures or actions, including discriminatory, racist, religious, ethnic or sexist remarks. The assessed level to depend on the wording and descriptions provided in the referee's reports.

VERY SERIOUS R6 OFFENCES WILL ALWAYS BE REFERRED TO THE JC COMMITTEE

R4 – DENIES THE OPPOSING TEAM A GOAL OR AN OBVIOUS GOAL SCORING OPPORTUNITY BY DELIBERATELY HANDLING THE BALL (THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO A GOALKEEPER WITHIN HIS OWN PENALTY AREA). R5 – DENIES AN OBVIOUS GOAL-SCORING OPPORTUNITY TO AN OPPONENT MOVING TOWARDS THE PLAYER'S GOAL BY AN OFFENCE PUNISHABLE BY A FREE KICK OR A PENALTY KICK. R7 – RECEIVES A SECOND CAUTION IN THE SAME MATCH.	ALL INCUR A MANDATORY ONE (1) MATCH SUSPENSION
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