

SONOMA COUNTY WOMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE (SCWSL)

DISCIPLINE PROCEDURE

The discipline procedure is to identify the process when either a player has received a red card or two yellow cards during a game, or a manager is being held responsible for inappropriate behavior from the coach, sidelines or team. The majority of the time this will be reported by the referee, but could also be investigated as a result of an Incident Report or if reported to or directly witnessed by a SCWSL Board member.

The initial report must be submitted to the appropriate board member within 48 hours, who will in turn forward immediately to the Vice President in charge of discipline, once the following has occurred:

- **Referee** will forward all yellow and red cards thrown to the Ref/Scheduler at SCWSLrefandschedule@gmail.com within 48 hours.
- **Ref/Scheduler** will forward all yellow and red card reports to the Vice President in charge of discipline at SCWSLvicepresident@gmail.com as soon as report is received and reviewed. Ref/Scheduler may ask for additional information from referee if necessary.
- **Managers** will email the Vice President directly at SCWSLvicepresident@gmail.com within 48 hours if they would like to provide information regarding a red card given during their game. The information provided by both teams and the referee will be taken into consideration when the penalty for the red card is given. It is not the responsibility of the Vice President to request information from the teams unless she feels that the Disciplinary Committee needs it to make a decision.
- **President** will forward all Incident Reports to the Vice President in charge of discipline at SCWSLvicepresident@gmail.com as soon as report is received and it is determined that the incident requires further investigation.
- **SCWSL Board Members** will notify the President at SCWSLpresident@gmail.com and Vice President at SCWSLvicepresident@gmail.com if an incident has been directly reported to them or witnessed.

Once all the information has been provided to the Vice President, the following process will occur:

- The Vice President will forward all the information provided to the Disciplinary Committee.
- If one of the members of the Disciplinary Committee was involved in the game where the incident occurred they will be replaced by the Member At Large.
- The Disciplinary Committee will have 48 hours to respond to the Vice President and come to a fair and consistent outcome. If additional information is needed for the Disciplinary Committee to make a decision, the time may be extended. If this occurs the Vice President will notify both the teams involved and the SCWSL Board that an

extension of time is required and will provide a new date of notification. However, all decisions must be determined no later than noon the following Saturday after the report.

- Once a decision has been made the Vice President will notify the affected teams and the SCWSL Board.

The following information will apply after all parties have been notified of the disciplinary action taken.

- All players receiving a red card will have an automatic \$25 fine and one game suspension. Any additional red cards received in the calendar year will be an automatic \$50 fine. Any additional game suspensions will be noted in the email sent by the Vice President.
- Manager will need to make arrangements with the Vice President to pay their fine and pick up the player pass after the suspension is served.
- Rainouts, byes and forfeits cannot be used to satisfy a suspension.
- If the suspension cannot be fulfilled within the current season, the suspension must be served at the beginning of the following season.
- The manager and player will have further discipline if the player attempts to play before all requirements are met.

Additional information regarding player discipline:

- The Disciplinary Committee has the right to suspend any player from the league for multiple infractions after that player has been warned in writing that further issues could result in further disciplinary action.
- The manager of the team will be held responsible for any inappropriate team, coach or sideline behavior that they do not attempt to control. The manager will also be held responsible for any attempt to play an illegal player. The team manager will be required to pay any fines or serve any suspensions associated with these infractions.