

Red Card Offences

- Red card offences apply to both players, spectators, and team managers alike.
- F4L is used interchangeably with Futsal 4 Life
- A Red Card may be issued by a Referee to a Player or spectator in respect of a serious infringement. Red Cards may either be Direct or Indirect:
 - (i) If a Player is given two Yellow Cards during Match Time in the same Match, that person must be given an Indirect Red Card, which replaces the two Yellow Cards that gave rise to it.
- A Player or spectator who is given a Direct or Indirect Red Card:
 - (i) must immediately leave the field of play and its Immediate Surrounds, and any other area the Match Official instructs, during the Match in which the Red Card is given; and
 - (ii) receives:
 - an Automatic Suspension
 - a Penalty in accordance with F4L guidelines.
 - Upon notification to F4L by the Referee of a Red Card, F4L will grade the severity of the Red Card in with consideration to Futsal Victoria's Red Card Offences but can apply its F4L Community Sport Safeguarding Protocols (internal) over any decision and advise the Player of the sanctions.

Multiple Red Card Offences in Match

- Where a Red Card is shown to a Player, and the Player thereafter performs a further offence(s), F4L may in its absolute discretion:
 - (i) levy additional penalties against that Player using the Red Card Offence Table and F4L Community Sport Safeguarding Protocol overlay;

By way of example: a Player receives a R2 (violent conduct) Direct Red Card for a tackle, and on leaving the field uses offensive language towards the referee. F4L may proceed in its absolute discretion as follows: either F4L may subject that player to the R2 Red Card Penalty for the tackle and impose a Red Card Penalty for the offensive language.

Multiple Red Card Offences in Season

- A Player who accumulates the following Red Card infringements during the same Competition Season, regardless of the league or competition or Club in which those Red Cards are received or in a Finals Series receives the following sanction:

- **Number of Red Cards**

- 2 during the same Competition Season

- Red Card Suspension + 2 Matches

- 3 during the same Competition Season

- Ban from all competitions.

- However, if the Tribunal decides that the player's propensity to repeat offending (and the nature of the offences) puts at risk the safety of either F4L players or staff or both, then the player will be banned from all F4L leagues.

Serving a Suspension

- In all cases where a Player is Suspended the individual remains Suspended until such time as all aspects of the determination have been satisfied or completed.

- A Player must serve a Suspension without delay and a Suspension remains in effect until served in full

- (ii) A Suspension arising out of a Finals Series which is not served in full in that Finals Series is carried over to the following Competition Season in which the Player participates.

- (ii) The Tribunal will inform the player if they are not permitted to attend the venue during their suspension. This will be dependant on the nature of the sanctioned offence.

Further Red Card Sanctions

- In addition to any Red Card Penalty the Tribunal may impose, in its own absolute discretion, any one or more of the following penalties or outcomes on such terms as it sees fit:

- (i) On Individuals:.

- Ban from a competition in progress and from a future competition.
 - Suspension
 - Ban from entering a Stadium.
 - A reprimand, warning, or caution.
 - Any such other sanction or penalty as the Tribunal sees fit.

(ii) On Teams:

- Ban from a competition in progress and from a future competition.
- Suspension
- A reprimand, warning or caution.
- Ban from entering a Stadium.
- A prohibition on playing at a particular stadium.
- Annulment of Match(es) result(s).
- Defeat by forfeit and awarding of any losing score the Tribunal determines.
- An order that Match(es) be replayed

Appeals

- Who Can Appeal?

A Player subject to a determination of the independent Tribunal may appeal it on the following grounds only (or any combination of them):

(i) Denial of procedural fairness.

(ii) Error of fact.

(iii) Error of law.

- Notwithstanding the above, the following penalties determined by the Tribunal are not Appealable:

(i) Warnings, reprimands, or cautions.

(ii) Suspension for less than (1) Match

- An appeal may be brought:

(i) no later than 48 hours after the F4L Tribunal's emailed decision was sent to the captain of the team.

Appeal hearing

- Where an Appeal is in relation to a Suspension, such Suspension remains in place pending the determination of the Appeal.
- The Appeals Board may on application by a party to the Appeal or of its own motion: make an order where it is satisfied that there are exceptional and compelling circumstances that make it harsh or unconscionable if an order was not made.

- At the hearing the Appeals Board may make a finding that:
 - (i) the Offence(s) have not been proven in which case:
it may remove any Additional Suspension that may have been imposed (but may not remove or alter any applicable Automatic Suspension); or
 - (ii) the Offence has been proven as charged; or
 - (iii) the Offence has been proven on a different level or grading; or
 - (iv) a different Offence has been proven.
- Where the Appeals Board makes a finding that a different Offence has been proven, it may impose or confirm the imposition of the relevant Red Card Penalty Offence, and may in its absolute discretion, increase or decrease a Red Card Penalty, or impose or remove any additional sanctions as it sees fit

