

**STANDARD PUNISHMENTS FOR YELLOW/RED CARDS**  
**with effect from 1 September 2002**

**General:**

- 1) These provisions shall apply to a player, substitute or coach. For any other person attached to a team then any disciplinary provisions will be dealt with by the Disciplinary Committee on a case by case basis. The use of the word "player" in the following text shall also be taken to include a "coach" or "substitute". Where "he" is used it should also be taken, if appropriate, to be "she".
- 2) Yellow and red cards can only be awarded for misconduct during a match. For misconduct after a match the showing of a card is not possible but the disciplinary committee may treat the punishment of any misconduct as if a card had been given by the referee.
- 3) Under the BKA Disciplinary Regulations the Disciplinary Committee shall determine whether the standard punishment below is appropriate. The player will then be advised and has the option to either (a) accept the standard punishment or (b) provide a written submission stating clear reasons why he thinks the standard punishment is inappropriate and asking the committee to review the punishment or (c) ask the committee to set up a hearing where he can put his case in person. In the case of the hearing, the costs will be borne by the player if he is subsequently found to be guilty of any misconduct.

**Punishments:**

- 1) The first time that a player is awarded a yellow card he shall be fined £15 and the card shall be recorded in the player's record. Unless a player receives another card within 24 months from the date of this first card then no further action will be taken and a new 24 month period shall start if and when the player next receives a yellow or red card.
- 2) If during the 24 month period referred to in 1 above a player receives a second or subsequent card, then he shall be fined £15, the card recorded in his record and a one match suspension on a date to be advised by the disciplinary committee shall be imposed.
- 3) A red card given as the result of two yellow cards in the same match shall be dealt with as two separate yellow cards - i.e. the fine shall be two amounts of £15 and a one match suspension will be imposed as in 2 above.
- 4) A red card given without a previous yellow in the match, i.e. for serious misconduct, shall have a fine of £30 and a two match suspension on a date to be advised by the disciplinary committee imposed. A red card given in these circumstances shall be recorded in the player's record as being the equivalent of three yellow cards and shall bring the player up to the limit for supplementary punishment as shown in 5 below.
- 5) Any player who has three cards (or equivalent) recorded against his name shall have a supplementary fine of £10 and an extra one match suspension imposed for each card from the 4<sup>th</sup> one onwards unless his record has been clear of cards for a period of 24 months.
- 6) Where suspensions are imposed, the Association responsible for the competition where the card causing the suspension was issued shall be the Association in whose competition the suspension is served. However, if at least 50% of the cards issued to a player were issued in BKA administered competitions, then any extra suspensions imposed under the totting up procedure will be served in BKA Competitions.

**Interim punishments to be applied by a TDC:**

- 1) The first time that a player is awarded a yellow card during a tournament the card shall be recorded in the player's record. Unless a player receives another card within the same tournament then no further action will be taken during the tournament.
- 2) If during the tournament referred to in 1 above a player receives a second or subsequent card, then the card shall be recorded in his record and a suspension equivalent to 60 minutes of tournament play (translated to an equivalent number of tournament matches and if necessary rounded to the nearest 60 minutes) shall be imposed by the TDC.
- 3) A red card given as the result of two yellow cards in the same match shall be dealt with as two separate yellow cards, i.e. a suspension will be imposed as in 2 above.
- 4) A red card given without a previous yellow in the match, i.e. for serious misconduct, shall have a minimum suspension equivalent to 120 minutes tournament play (translated to an equivalent number of tournament matches and if necessary rounded to the nearest 120 minutes) imposed by the TDC. A red card given in these circumstances shall be recorded in the player's record as being the equivalent of three yellow cards.
- 5) If any card is issued during the team's last match in the tournament the TDC shall not deal with the matter.
- 6) Any player who has four cards (or equivalent) recorded against his name shall be suspended for the rest of the tournament.
- 7) After the tournament the TDC shall report all cards to the BKA Secretary so that the cards can be recorded against each player's record and further action taken by the BKA, if necessary, under the totting up procedure as set out in the BKA Standard Punishment Regulations. The TDC shall also report any suspensions they have imposed and whether the suspensions have been fully served. In cases where a suspension has only been partly served, the TDC shall inform the BKA of the original length of suspension and how much has been served.
- 8) In the case of part-served suspensions the following table shall be used to determine the length of any suspension the BKA Disciplinary Committee needs to impose to complete the original suspension. Subsequent suspensions due under the totting up procedure will be added to any deficit.

Original Punishment	Amount served	Balance	Suspension still to serve
Matches equivalent to 60 minutes	All matches	none	none
Matches equivalent to 60 minutes	At least 50 % of matches	Less than 50 % of matches	none
Matches equivalent to 60 minutes	Less than 50 % of matches	More than 50% of matches	1 match
Matches equivalent to 120 minutes	All matches	none	none
Matches equivalent to 120 minutes	Less than 50% of matches	More than 50% of matches	2 matches
Matches equivalent to 120 minutes	51-75% of matches	Less than 50 % of matches	1 match
Matches equivalent to 120 minutes	More than 75% of matches	Less than 25 % of matches	none