

Discipline & Protest Sanctioning Guidelines

Offense/Infraction	Offender			Discipline (FIFA/USSF)	
	Player	Coach	Spectator	Minimum	Maximum
Abuse to any participant	X	X	X	3 games	1 year
Abuse to a referee	X	X	X	3 games	1 year
Assault to any participant	X	X	X	1 year	5 years
Assault to a referee	X	X	X	3 months	5 years
Assault to a referee 17 years old or younger	X	X	X	3 years	5 years
Entering the field without permission			X	3 games	**
Fighting (i.e. between people)	X	X	X	3 games	3 years
Offensive, insulting or abusive language	X	X	X	1 game	6 months
Offensive, insulting or abusive language after send off (in addition to the 1 game suspension for the send off/dismissal)	X	X	X	1 game	**
Use of racial or ethnic slurs or offensive language that includes derogatory comments about gender, sexual orientation, physical ability or religion	X	X		2 games	**
Playing an ineligible player		X		2 games	**
Playing an ineligible player with fraudulent intent		X		1 year	**
Playing when ineligible (depending on the player's age)	X			1 game	**
Playing when ineligible with fraudulent intent	X			3 games	1 year
Playing a non-rostered/unregistered player intentionally (not a registrar's error)		X		1 year	
Playing when not-rostered/not registered intentionally (not a registrar's error)	X			3 games	1 year
Refusal to leave the field after send off/dismissal (in addition to the 1 game suspension for the dismissal/send off)	X	X	X	1 game	**
Receiving a second caution in the same game	X			1 game	
Denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity	X			1 game	**
Serious foul play	X			1 game	1 year
Violent conduct (striking or attempting to strike, etc)	X			1 game	**
Spitting at an opponent or any person	X	X		1 game	1 year
Any general misconduct not specifically included above	X	X	X	1 game	1 year

** Depending on the infraction and its severity, additional sanctions and/or probation may be mandated

Coach:

For disciplinary sanctions, a coach will be any active official of the team (coach, trainer, manager, etc.) Or any person who is officially representing the team by being in the immediate vicinity of the "players bench", excluding those games where players and spectators are on the same side of the field AND are not physically separated by a barrier (e.g. fence).

NOTE #1:

Any coach or spectator who is dismissed during a match must, immediately and completely, remove themselves from sight and sound of the field of play. They are not permitted to return to the field after the game. Arrange to pick up children or equipment away from sight and sound of the field.

NOTE #2:

A coach or spectator who has been dismissed from a match cannot attend or observe that team's next scheduled and played game: this includes pre and post game activities at the field or complex.

NOTE #3:

Players who have been sent off during a match MUST serve their suspension at the next game of the team to which they are rostered, dressed in street clothes and sitting on the bench. For specifics, see Section 732 of the Georgia Soccer Youth Rules & Regulations.