



EPPL Discipline & Conduct Policy

Purpose

Our league is committed to providing a **safe, respectful, and competitive environment** for players, referees, officials, and spectators. To maintain fairness and accountability, teams will be subject to **point deductions** for misconduct beyond standard yellow/red card discipline and suspensions and before ejection from the league for serious offenses.

Point Reduction Matrix

Infraction Category	Examples	Consequences
Referee Abuse (Verbal)	Excessive arguing, insults, intimidation or threats by spectators.	-1 point (1st), -2 points (2nd), -3 points (3rd) + suspension warning
Referee Abuse (Physical/Threatening)	Intimidating, surrounding, or threatening officials by players, coaches, or spectators.	-4 points (1st), -6 points (2nd), League suspension review (3rd)
Spectator Misconduct (Unsportsmanlike)	Fans heckling, being disrespectful, abusive language toward players, referees, or officials	-2 points (1st), -4 points (2nd), -6 points + spectator ban (3rd)
Minor Altercation Involving Players	Minor altercation that does not result in serious bodily injury where either the majority of the team participated, or no specific aggressors can be identified.	-6 points (1st), Removal from competition (2nd)
Minor Altercation Involving Spectators/Coaches	Minor altercation among teams, fans, or physical altercations outside of game play (pushing, shoving, threatening) that does not result in serious bodily injury.	-6 points (1st), League suspension review (2nd)

Additional Rules

- **Team Accountability:** Teams are responsible for their **players, coaches, and spectators**.
- **Stacking:** Multiple infractions in a match will result in **cumulative deductions**.
- **Suspension Threshold:** Any team reaching **8 deducted points in a season** is subject to **league suspension review**.
- **Notification:** All deductions will be communicated to team managers within **48 hours** of the match.

Commitment

By participating in this league, all teams agree to uphold the values of **sportsmanship, safety, and respect**. Failure to do so will result in swift and fair enforcement of this policy.