

Blacktown & Districts Soccer Football Association Incorporated
Suspensions for Send Off Offences

The **Range of Suspensions** indicates the minimum and maximum suspensions which may be imposed on players sent off for offences under the various categories, e.g. for a charge of “Violent Conduct” (R2) a suspension from two (2) matches up to two (2) years may be imposed depending on the level of violence involved in the offense. **NOTE:** for very serious offenses the Disciplinary Tribunal may impose a suspension exceeding the maximum shown in the Range of Suspensions.

R1 - FFA Send Off Code SERIOUS FOUL PLAY	CHALLENGING FOR THE BALL IN PLAY- illegal contact with the legs or body using moderate to excessive force with a possibility of causing injury, including rugby style tackle, violent charging and over the ball tackles			RANGE OF SUSPENSIONS 2 matches to 12 matches
LEVEL 1 2 match suspension	LEVEL 2 3 match suspension	LEVEL 3 4 match suspension	LEVEL 4 or LEVEL 5 5 or 6 match suspension	
Mistimed, careless or late tackle using low level of violence	Careless or late tackle or body charge from any direction using moderate level of violence and with some risk of causing injury	Strong or reckless tackle or body charge with a high risk of causing injury to the opponent	Excessive force or brutality showing disregard for the safety of the opponent	

R2 - FFA Send Off Code VIOLENT CONDUCT	NOT CHALLENGING FOR BALL - Off the ball tackle or incident involving striking, kicking, elbowing or head butting, either on or off the field, against an opponent, team mate or any other person. Involvement in a brawl or melee or running to join a melee causing the incident to escalate but not if attempting to prevent a fight or shield a player			RANGE OF SUSPENSIONS 2 matches to 2 years
Level 1 2 match suspension	Level 2 3 match suspension	Level 3 4 match suspension	Level 4 or Level 5 5 or 6 match suspension	
Use of minimum force to strike or push, possibly in frustration or retaliation	Striking once or twice to the body or head with moderate force	One or more strikes to the head or body using strong force with a risk of causing injury, whether provoked or not	Level 4 - Striking in any way using strong force with a risk of causing injury. Running in to take part in a brawl or melee Level 5 - Striking with very strong force with a high risk of causing injury. Very aggressive or continuing involvement in a brawl	

R3 - FFA Send Off Code SPITTING AT A PLAYER, ANOTHER PERSON	ANY ACT OF SPITTING AT OR ONTO A PLAYER OR OTHER PERSON	RANGE OF SUSPENSIONS 4 matches to 1 year	LEVEL 4 or LEVEL 5 5 or 6 match suspension
		Spitting towards, but not onto a player or another person	Spitting on the lower body of a player or another person
ALL OTHER SPITTING OFFENSES INCLUDING SPITTING AT, OR ON, AN MATCH OFFICIAL REFERRED TO JUDICIARY			

R6-A - FFA Send Off Code OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE OR GESTURES	USE OF OFFENSIVE, INSULTING OR ABUSIVE LANGUAGE OR GESTURES IR INDECENT ACTIONS		RANGE OF SUSPENSIONS 2 matches to 20 matches
LEVEL 1 2 match suspension	LEVEL 2 3 match suspension	LEVEL 3 4 match suspension	LEVEL 4 or LEVEL 5 5 or 6 match suspension
One or two words carrying minor offence and said in a low volume	Words and/or gestures likely to cause offense, possibly in frustration. Minor offensive words to a match official	Clearly offensive or insulting words and or gestures to a player or other person or offensive words to a match official	Strong words, clearly offensive or insulting, to a player or other person or offensive or indecent gestures. Highly offensive words to an official.
R6-B - FFA Send Off Code DISCRIMINATORY LANGUAGE OR GESTURES	USE OF DISCRIMINATORY LANGUAGE, AND/OR GESTURES, INCLUDING RACIST, RELIGIOUS, ETHNIC OR SEXIST REMARKS		RANGE OF SUSPENSIONS 2 matches to 6 matches
LEVEL 1 2 match suspension	LEVEL 2 3 match suspension	LEVEL 3 4 match suspension	LEVEL 4 or LEVEL 5 5 or 6 match suspension
One or two words, or a gesture minor in nature	Moderate language causing offence- maybe in frustration or retaliation	Remarks or gestures intended to cause offence.	Highly offensive remarks or gestures
R4 - DENY GOAL BY DELIBERATE HANDBALL (R4 R5 R7 FFA Send Off Codes) R5 - DENY GOAL BY FREE KICK OFFENSE R7 - SECOND CAUTION DURING A MATCH)		ALL INCUR A MANDATORY 1 MATCH SUSPENSION	