



**RED CARDS AND
YELLOW CARDS
– TOTTING UP
PROCESS**

Appendix 4: Red Card Totting up Process and Two Yellow Cards Application

Red Cards

1. In cases where a Club's 1st XV (which is not a Regional Organisation team) has **six (6) red card matters** during the season, or where the Players sent off and Club officials reported by match officials, when combined, total six during the season, the Club will be fined 5% of the sum of the core grant made available to it in the season by the WRU. For each Player over six that is sent off, or Club officials reported over six, an additional fine of 1% of the sum of the core grant made available to it in the season by the WRU will be imposed on the Club.
2. In cases where a Regional Organisation's team has **six (6) red card matters**, or where the Players sent off and Regional Organisation's officials reported by match officials, when combined, total six or more in that season, such financial penalties as the WRU Disciplinary Panel may determine shall be imposed on that Regional Organisation.

Yellow cards

3. Players who receive a yellow card (when a Player is cautioned in a match by the referee and temporarily sent off the playing enclosure for a period of ten minutes of playing time) shall not, save in truly exceptional circumstances, lodge an appeal to a Disciplinary Panel.
4. The WRU Disciplinary Panel is required to apply a sanction for the offence of persistent offending, not for the substantive offences relating to each yellow card. Ordinarily, the methodology applied for persistent offending is set out below. However, if a Player is issued with two yellow cards in any one match and at least one of those yellow cards is issued for Foul Play and upon review, constitutes a red card, then the appropriate sanction will be determined by reference to the available sanctions for offences committed, as set out in **Appendix 1** and determined by a Disciplinary Panel. Sanctioning in these circumstances should be determined by reference to the methodology as set out in Disciplinary Regulation.

Yellow Cards Received	Entry Point
2 technical yellow cards in a match or 1 technical and 1 Foul Play yellow card in a match.	Sending off sufficient.
2 Foul Play yellow cards in a match.	1 week suspension from playing.

5. Where, in accordance with paragraph 4 above, a Player has been sent off as a result of receiving two yellow cards and one or both of those yellow cards was awarded for Foul Play, the Player may challenge one or both of the Foul Play yellow cards. However, the player may not challenge the award of a Yellow Card for a technical offence. If the WRU Disciplinary Panel permits a challenge against one or both of the Foul Play yellow cards and the challenge is upheld:
 - (a) the WRU Disciplinary Panel may consider if the sending off is a sufficient sanction to be imposed; and
 - (b) the red card shall be expunged from the Player's record.

6. The right of appeal in Paragraphs 3 and 5 above may only be exercised in truly exceptional cases, for example in a case of mistaken identity. It is not intended to encourage or lead to the systematic, regular review or contesting of yellow cards given to Players in matches.
7. In the event that an appeal is lodged pursuant to Paragraph 3, the WRU Disciplinary Panel or the shall first determine as a preliminary issue whether or not there are any truly exceptional circumstances and only if it so determines will it then proceed to deal with the appeal.
8. Where both of the yellow cards were issued for technical offences (where no act of Foul Play took place), the Disciplinary Panel and WRU Professional Disciplinary Panel (as applicable) will have the discretion to consider whether the sanction imposed should be one of sending off sufficient.
9. Players who are yellow carded for foul play offences on three occasions during the season will be automatically suspended for a period of one week following notification from the WRU. If a Player accumulates a further foul play three yellow cards during the season he/she will automatically be suspended for a further period of two weeks. For the avoidance of doubt, any yellow card which is the subject of a successful appeal in accordance with Paragraphs 3 or 5 shall not fall to be considered for the purposes of this Paragraph 9.