

YELLOW & RED CARD CODES & EXPLANATIONS

(VAR RELATED MISCONDUCT HAS BEEN REMOVED)

Yellow Card Codes / Explanations

A player is cautioned for committing any of the following offences:

(UB) Unsporting Behaviour

- Reckless Challenge
- Reckless Use of Arms
- Stops a promising attack
- Handball to prevent goal Unsuccessfully
- Denial of an Obvious Goal Scoring opportunity by Foul in Penalty Area with attempt to play the ball
- Denial of an Obvious Goal Scoring opportunity by Foul / Handling with Quick Free Kick or Advantage Played
- Handles the ball in an attempt to score a goal
- Plays the ball after permission given to leave
- Lack of respect for the game
- Attempts to deceive the Referee / Simulation
- Verbally distracts opponent during play / restart
- Distract or impede opponent performing throw-in
- Changes places / Jersey with the Goal Keeper without permission
- Deliberate trick to circumvent the Law (Trickery)
- Makes unauthorised marks on the field
- Refuses to leave for injury / illegal equipment / blood
- Throws an object in a reckless manner
- Excessive goal celebration
- Removes / covers head w/ jersey after goal
- Law 14 offence

(DT) Dissent

- Dissent by word
- Dissent by action
- Dissent by word and action

(PO) Persistent Offences

- Persistent fouls against one or more opponents
- Team pattern of fouls against a single opponent

(DR) Delay Restart

- Appearing to take a throw-in but suddenly leaving it to a team-mate to take
- Delaying leaving the field of play when being substituted
- Excessively delaying a restart
- Kicking or carrying the ball away, or provoking a confrontation by deliberately touching the ball after the referee has stopped play
- Taking a free kick from the wrong position to force a retake

(FRD) Failure to Respect the required distance

- Does not retire at least ten yards away from an opponent's free kick
- Does not retire at least ten yards away from an opponent's corner kick
- Does not retire at least two yards away from an opponent's throw-in

(E) Enters or Re-enters the field of play without the referee's permission

- Illegally entering the field as a substitute without having received a signal to do so from the referee
- Illegally re-entering the field without the referee's permission / signal
- Illegally entering / re-entering the field from the goal line

(L) Deliberately Leaves the field of play without the referee's permission

- Leaves the field to place an opponent in an offside position
- Leaves the field other than through the normal course of play

ADDITIONAL

A substitute or substituted player is cautioned for committing any of the following offences:

- (UB) Unsporting Behaviour
- (DT) Dissent by word / Dissent by Action / Dissent by Word and Action
- (DR) Delaying the Restart of Play
- (E) Entering or re-entering the field of play without the referee's permission

Red Card Codes and Explanations

A player, substitute or substituted player is sent off for committing any of the following offences:

(SFP) Serious Foul Play

- A tackle or challenge that endangers the safety of an opponent or uses excessive force or brutality must be sanctioned as serious foul play.
- Any player who lunges at an opponent in challenging for the ball from the front, from the side or from behind using one or both legs, with excessive force or endangers the safety of an opponent is guilty of serious foul play.

(VC) Violent Conduct

- Violent conduct is when a player uses or attempts to use excessive force or brutality against an opponent when not challenging for the ball, or against a team-mate, team official, match official, spectator or any other person, regardless of whether contact is made.
- In addition, a player who, when not challenging for the ball, deliberately strikes an opponent or any other person on the head or face with the hand or arm, is guilty of violent conduct unless the force used was negligible.

(DGH) Denial of a Goal / Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunity by Handling

- Where a player denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by a handball offence, the player is sent off wherever the offence occurs
- (except a goalkeeper within their penalty area).

(DGF) Denial of a Goal / Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunity by Foul

- Where a player commits an offence against an opponent within their own penalty area which denies an opponent an obvious goal-scoring opportunity and the referee awards a penalty kick, the offender is cautioned if the offence was an attempt to play the ball; in all other circumstances (e.g. holding, pulling, pushing, no possibility to play the ball etc.) the offending player must be sent off.

(DGO) Denies obvious goal scoring opportunity by second touch offence

(AL) Offensive / Insulting / Abusive Language

- <https://static.ussdcc.com/users/35665/572553/using-offensive-insulting-or-abusive-language-and-or-gestures.pdf>

(SB) Spitting and / or Biting

(2CT) Second Caution

- A player who receives a second Caution (YC) in the same match

TEAM OFFICIALS / TECHNICAL AREA MISCONDUCT

Where an offence is committed and the offender cannot be identified, the senior team coach present in the technical area will receive the sanction.

Warning (Verbal Warning)

The following offences should usually result in a warning; (repeated or blatant offences should result in a caution or sending-off)

- entering the field of play in a respectful/non-confrontational manner • failing to cooperate with a match official e.g. ignoring an instruction/request from an assistant referee or the fourth official
- minor/low-level disagreement (by word or action) with a decision • occasionally leaving the confines of the technical area without committing another offence

Caution (Yellow Card) offences include (but are not limited to):

- clearly/persistently not respecting the confines of their team's technical area • delaying the restart of play by their team
- deliberately entering the technical area of the opposing team (non-confrontational)
- dissent by word or action including:
- throwing/kicking drinks bottles or other objects
- action(s) which show(s) a clear lack of respect for the match official(s) e.g. sarcastic clapping
- entering the referee review area (RRA)
- excessively/persistently gesturing for a red or yellow card
- excessively showing the 'TV signal' for a VAR 'review'
- acting in a provocative or inflammatory manner
- persistent unacceptable behaviour (including repeated warning offences) • showing a lack of respect for the game

Sending-off (Red Card) offences include (but are not limited to):

- Delaying the restart of play by the opposing team e.g. holding onto the ball, kicking the ball away, obstructing the movement of a player
- Deliberately leaving the technical area to:

- Show dissent towards, or remonstrate with, a match official • act in a provocative or inflammatory manner
- Entering the opposing technical area in an aggressive or confrontational manner • deliberately throwing/kicking an object onto the field of play
- Entering the field of play to confront a match official (including at half-time and full-time)
- Entering the field of play to interfere with play, an opposing player or a match official
- Physical or aggressive behaviour (including spitting or biting) towards an opposing player, substitute, team official, match official, spectator or any other person (e.g. ball boy/girl, security or competition official etc.)
- Receiving a second caution in the same match using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or action(s)
- Using unauthorised electronic or communication equipment and/or behaving in an inappropriate manner as a result of using electronic or communication equipment
- Violent conduct

Offences where an object (or the ball) is thrown

In all cases, the referee takes the appropriate disciplinary action:

- reckless – caution the offender for unsporting behaviour
- using excessive force – send off the offender for violent conduct

MATCH REPORT DROP DOWN OPTIONS

These items below are shortened deliberately so they can be used within match reporting forms for space and formatting purposes

CAUTIONS / YELLOW CARDS

UB-Reckless challenge
 UB-Stops a promising attack - Foul
 UB-Stops a promising attack - Handball
 UB-Deliberate holding offence
 UB-Handball to prevent goal unsuccessfully
 UB-DOGSO-F in PA w/ attempt to play the ball
 UB-DOGSO-F/H w/ QFK or ADV
 UB-Handles the ball in an attempt to score a goal
 UB-Plays the ball after permission given to leave
 UB-Lack of respect for the game
 UB-Attempts to deceive the Referee/Simulation
 UB-Verbally distracts opponent during play/restart
 UB-Changes places/jersey w/ GK w/out permission
 UB-Deliberate trick to circumvent the Law
 UB-Makes unauthorised marks on the field
 UB-Refuses to leave for injury/illegal equipment/blood
 UB-Throws an object in a reckless manner
 UB-Excessive goal celebration
 UB-Removes/covers head w/ jersey after goal
 UB-Law 14 offence
 UB-2nd touch offence w/ SPA

UB-Verbally distracts opponent
UB-Distract or impedes opponent performing throw-in
UB-Refuses to leave for injury/illegal equipment/blood

DISSENT

DT-Dissent by word
DT-Dissent by action
DT-Dissent by word and action
DT-Dissent by word/action (mobbing)

PERSISTENT OFFENCES

PO-Fouls against one or more opponents
PO-Team pattern of fouls against a single opponent

DELAY RESTART

DR-Appearing to take a throw-in by switching throw-in taker
DR-Delaying leaving the field when being substituted
DR-Kicking / Carrying the ball away after play has been stopped
DR-Taking a free kick from the wrong position to force a retake
DR-Excessively delaying a restart

ENTERING / RE-ENTERING / LEAVING

ERL-Entering the field without referee permission
ERL-Re-entering the field w/o referee permission
ERL-Entering the field from the goal line
ERL-Leaving the field w/o referee permission

FAILURE TO RESPECT THE DISTANCE

FRD-Failure to respect the required distance

RED CARDS / SEND-OFFS - PLAYERS

SFP-Serious foul play
VC-Violent conduct
SB-Spitting at or on someone
SB-Biting someone
DGH-Denies goal/obvious goal-scoring opp by hand
DGF-Denies goal/obvious goal-scoring opp by foul
DGO-2nd touch offence w/ DOGSO
AL-Offensive/Insulting/Abusive language or action
2CT-Second caution

TEAM OFFICIALS / TECHNICAL AREA - MISCONDUCT

WARNINGS

Entering the field-respectful/non-confrontational manner
Failing to cooperate with a match official
Minor/low-level disagreement with a decision
Occasionally leaving TA confines without other offence

Cautions

Clearly/persistently not respecting TA confines
Delaying the restart of play by their team
Deliberately entering opposing TA (non-confrontational)
Dissent by word
Dissent by action
Dissent by word and action
Excessively/persistently gesturing red/yellow card
Gesturing/acting provocative/inflammatory manner
Persistent unacceptable behaviour (including repeat warning offences)
Lack of respect for the game
Other (open explanation in text box below)

RED CARDS / SEND OFFS

Delaying the restart of play by the opposing team
Deliberately leaving TA dissent to match official
Deliberately leaving TA provocative/inflammatory
Enter opposing TA aggressive/confrontational
Deliberately throwing/kicking object onto field
Entering field of play to confront match official
Entering field to interfere play/opp plyr/official
Physical or aggressive behaviour towards any person
Receiving a second caution in the same match
Offensive/Insulting/Abusive language and/or gestures
Using unauthorised electronic/comm equipment
Misusing authorised electronic/comm equipment
Violent conduct
Other (open explanation in text box below)