

RED CARDS AND SUSPENSIONS 2026/27

All players red carded in games MUST serve an automatic ONE GAME suspension as follows:

A - SENT OFF IN A LOCAL LEAGUE OR LOCAL CUP GAME

The player automatically misses the next local league or cup game in the age group in which the red card was received.

Example - sent off in a local league or local cup U15 game – misses the next U15 local league or cup game automatically. If the player happens to be an U14 player, the automatic suspension only applies to the U15 grade, as that was the grade in which he received the red card. **Any player under an automatic one game ban only is eligible to play in the National Cup if it's the next game.**

B - SENT OFF IN A NATIONAL CUP GAME

The player automatically misses the next National Cup game in the age group in which the card was received – if the team is still in the National Cup.

If the team was beaten in the game, the player automatically misses the next local league or local cup game at the **YOUNGEST ELIGIBLE AGE**.

Example – U14 player sent off in U15 National Cup game in which his team lost – he will automatically miss the next U14 local league or local cup game.

Subject to the referee's report the sanction may be increased by the SFAI.

Suspensions may be increased following action by the Disciplinary Committee of the CSL.

Suspensions imposed by the Disciplinary Committee of the CSL may be imposed on the basis of (a) the number of games or (b) a specific time period. They may cover more than one age group. All suspensions are to be served as directed by the Disciplinary Committee of the CSL.

C - PLAYERS SERVING SUSPENSIONS GREATER THAN THE AUTOMATIC ONE GAME BAN FOR BEING SENT OFF IN A LOCAL LEAGUE OR LOCAL CUP GAME SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY IN THE NATIONAL CUPS DURING THIS SUSPENSION AS NATIONAL CUP GAMES SHALL COUNT AS GAME/S SERVED UNDER THAT SUSPENSION.

PLEASE NOTE THAT AN AUTOMATIC ONE GAME SUSPENSION CANNOT BE APPEALED.