



## NTSSA Adult Discipline Rules

3.11.1 Authority: All members and participants in youth and adult soccer within the jurisdiction of the North Texas State Soccer Association have requested to participate in our program. Therefore, these participants have agreed to abide by the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of NTSSA, their local playing association, as well as those of the United States Soccer Federation and its National Associations of which North Texas State Soccer Association is a member. The NTSSA Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws provide that it has jurisdiction over all Member Playing associations, players, coaches, team managers, administrators, team representatives and referees who choose to affiliate.

3.11.3 Misconduct of Adult Players/Coaches/Assistant Coaches: All member associations are directed to operate and keep records on a twelve point "Cumulative Point System" for all players/coaches/assistant coaches. Offenses resulting in the cautioning of a player/coach/assistant coach by the referee are allowed points according to their seriousness ranging from one to four points. Points are cumulative during each soccer season. When a given player/coach/assistant coach accumulates twelve points, sanctions are applied as described in Rule 3.11.3(3). A player transferring to another team will carry his or her points to his or her new team. Reports of these disciplinary actions are to be sent to the State Association office. The points of the "Cumulative Twelve Point System" will be allocated as follows: 12 points Sent off from the game due to serious foul play, violent conduct, spitting, denying a goal scoring opportunity or offensive, insulting or abusive language/4 points. Deliberate tripping and other tactical, deliberate physical fouls, foul tackle from behind, interference by other players when a referee is speaking to a player after an offense has been committed, continued dissent of a decision in an attempt to unsettle the referee/3 points. Deliberate tactical obstruction, persistent infringement of the laws of the game, shirt pulling and other similar tactics, deliberate encroachment at a free-kick/2 points. Deliberate handball designed to break tip attack, time wasting, including that by the goalkeeper, moving arms up and down to distract an opponent, gesticulating in front of a player taking a free-kick or throw-in, fails to respect required distance or un sporting behavior at a penalty kick, other unsportsmanlike behavior/1 point. Entering or leaving the field without the referee's permission, player leaning on a teammate to gain extra height, pulling oneself up by the goal post or crossbar or gain an advantage.

Cumulative Caution Points Sanctions: 12 points, one game suspension, 6 more points, two games suspension, 6 more points, suspension pending A&D Committee inquiry. Red Card, one game suspension, second red card, two game suspension, third red card, suspension pending A&D Committee inquiry. Any misconduct by a coach justifying a report by a referee or any other person shall be directed to the State A&D Committee as well as the Member Association with which the coach is affiliated. The Member Association shall promptly (within five days after receipt of the report) rule on the report and send its decision to the State A&D Committee. Game suspension for caution points or expulsion: The suspension is to be served by the player/coach/assistant coach/manager or team representative at the next scheduled game (regular league game, makeup game, playoff game, championship game, cup game, local or state tournament game) that the player's team is involved in. A suspension imposed by NTSSA shall be recognized by all affiliated organizations after proper notification. The lack of a hearing or referee report on the suspension/expulsion of the offender shall not nullify his suspension the next game.

3.11.4 Misconduct of Spectators: Each team is responsible for the conduct of its spectators. The referee shall have the authority to caution and or send off the coach or acting coach from the field for misconduct of the spectators associated with the team. Therefore, the coach, assistant coach, ream manager is expected to control his or her spectators. If he or she is unable to do so, Member Associations are directed to take appropriate actions toward the identifiable, unruly spectator or the team if unidentifiable.

3.11.5 Misconduct and Punishment of Adult Teams: When a given team has accumulated a combined point limit for the team, based on five points per scheduled league game, per season, as directed in the "Cumulative 12 Point System" in Rule 3.11.3, the adult Member Association will notify the NTSSA A&D Committee. The team will be required to appear before the NTSSA A&D Committee to explain the team continued misconduct.

3.11 .7 Misconduct Toward Referees: NTSSA has exclusive jurisdiction over assault or abuse of officials, both referee and assistant referee, in any competition by the State or Member Associations. If there is an assault/abuse of any game official by any person, including players, coaches, managers or spectators, a report of the alleged assault/abuse will be submitted immediately to the appropriate State Commissioner, A&D Chairman and Chairman of the State Referee Committee.

THE COMPLETE DISCIPLINARY RULE (3.11 THROUGH 3.11.11) IS AVAILABLE AT [WWW.NTXSOCCER.ORG](http://WWW.NTXSOCCER.ORG).  
GWFSO ALSO IMPOSES FINES IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE STATED SANCTIONS.

REGISTRATION FEES WILL NOT BE REFUNDED

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE STATED RULES:

Player Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_