

## **NYSPHSAA**

### **Yellow Card Accumulation Policy**

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It is the intention of the NYSPHSAA to address the issue of the accumulation of Yellow Cards during the soccer season by an individual player or coach. The situations surrounding Red Cards are dealt with directly under the NYSPHSAA Guidelines for Sportsmanship and Misconducts outlined in the State Handbook for all sports. The consequences for the accumulation of excessive Yellow Cards will be as follows:

1. Five Yellow Cards accumulated by a single player or a coach in the regular season will result in a one game suspension. Disqualifications due to an accumulation of five yellow cards occurring in the last game of the season will carry over to the next season of participation.
2. The continued accumulation of Yellow Cards by the same individual (player or coach) will result in a one game suspension per additional Yellow Card.
3. In the event that the player or coach receives two Yellow Cards in the same game, resulting in a Red Card, the two Yellow Cards will not count toward the season total, since the individual will receive a one game suspension as a result of the misconduct and ejection.
4. The accumulation card total is for regular season play only and the process will start over again for post season play. However, any penalties awarded as a result of the last regular season game will carry over into the post season.
5. The post season policy will provide a one game suspension after three Yellow Cards and a one game suspension for each additional card received through the State Final.
6. The coaches, or athletic directors, of both schools are to report all Yellow Cards to their League and Section by means of Mail, E-mail or Fax for tabulation. The officials should report to their boards concerning games in which cards are given and the reasons for issuance of the card. Board policy will determine the method of notification to the League and Section.  
A final end of the year report including data on disqualifications shall be sent to the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Coordinator. Data will be collected for all high school soccer teams (girls and boys). Although the rule is in place for the modified level athletes and coaches, data will not be collected at the modified level.
7. Refusing to report, or failing to report infractions and allowing a player or a coach to continue play under these circumstances will result in the forfeiture of all games in which the individual in question participated.