

US Club Soccer Discipline Matrix



The disciplinary sanctions in this matrix represent US Club Soccer's recommended minimum suspensions for each type of offense. These recommendations help establish a baseline for consistent disciplinary action, but leagues and clubs have the authority to impose penalties as they deem appropriate and that are consistent with their own policies and procedures. The offense descriptions in the matrix are not exhaustive, but the matrix may also be helpful in determining consequences for similar conduct not specifically identified. When a minimum sanction is expressed in games or months, the disciplining authority has the discretion to determine the appropriate duration.

Offense	Recommended Player Minimum	Recommended Coach/Staff Minimum	Recommended Spectator Minimum
Physical Assault (Major) Any intentional or attempted act or threat of physical violence, including but not limited to the following: hitting, kicking, punching, choking, spitting on, grabbing or bodily running into a person; head butting; the act of kicking or throwing any object that could inflict injury; damaging personal property, i.e., car, equipment, etc. Spectator: All of the above in addition to entering the field of play during/after a match	5 games or 1 month	10 games or 3 months	6 months
Physical Assault (Minor) Includes but is not limited to pushing, physical intimidation (i.e. nose to nose), instigating mass confrontation, spewing any beverage on personal property, spitting at (but not on) another player, staff/coach, referee, or spectator.	1 game	5 games or 1 month	1 month
Targeted Verbal Abuse Intentionally using derogatory language related to any of the protected categories listed in "Verbal Abuse" below to target an individual(s) for the purpose of belittling, demeaning, or insulting them.	10 games or 3 months	6 months	6 months
Verbal Abuse Using foul, abusive, profane, derogatory, or insulting language including but not limited to language based on age, religion, marital status, sex, race, ancestry, national origin, citizenship, veteran's status, pregnancy, disability, or sexual orientation.	5 games or 1 month	5 games or 1 month	3 months
Falsification Altering, submitting, or using a falsified document* for purposes of registration or participation with US Club Soccer. Including but not limited to proof of births, US Club Soccer passcards, and rosters. <i>*Falsification is adjudicated by US Club Soccer.</i>	1 Year	1 Year	N/A* <i>*If a parent/guardian is responsible for falsification, the player will be responsible for serving the resulting suspension.</i>