

# SOCIAL SPORTS PLAYER MISCONDUCT POLICY (SOCCER)

Here at Leisurelife, our core values focus on friendly and healthy activity for all participants involved. As a social sport competition provider, we endeavour to provide a friendly, enjoyable environment for all. We expect games to be played in a friendly nature and in the true spirit of sportsmanship. To achieve this outcome, we expect that members of all teams show respect to all participants at the centre, including umpires, opponents, spectators, staff and management at all times. Therefore, we will not tolerate continued unsportsmanlike physical or verbal behaviour at Leisurelife.

## **INFRINGEMENT DEFINITIONS**

**Yellow Card** Issued when a player contravenes the spirit of the game via unreasonable or persistent actions including dissent and/or verbal and physical misconduct towards any participant at the Leisurelife Centre, including any match official, centre staff member or player taking part in the match. Player is ordered off the court and is not able to partake in gameplay for a minimum of two minutes playing time after which they are able to return in the next stoppage of play.

**Red Card (Unsportsmanlike Conduct)** Issued when a player contravenes the spirit of the game as mentioned in the *Yellow Card* category in an excessive manner as adjudicated by the match official.

**Match Ejection** Issued when a player receives a red card for unsportsmanlike conduct in any single match. The player will not be able to take any further part in the match and will be required to immediately leave the centre. No substitution will be permitted for any ejected player for the remainder of the game. Any player that has been ejected from a match will incur an automatic one week suspension (*see Player Suspension Conditions*), subject to any further reports from match officials or centre staff members.

**Player Infringement** Issuing of a yellow or red card for unsportsmanlike conduct in any single match.

## PLAYER INFRINGEMENT SUSPENSION POLICY

Any player that accrues infringements in three or more separate matches in any six month period (from the date of the first infringement) will be subject to the following penalties:

Three (3) Infringements Automatic one (1) week suspension

Four (4) Infringements Automatic two (2) week suspension

**Five (5) Infringements** Removal of player from all Leisurelife social sports competitions for a minimum of one year from the date of the fifth infringement.

Formal notification will be provided when a player accrues three or more infringements.



## **PLAYER SUSPENSION CONDITIONS**

- Any issued suspensions resulting from match ejection or a player on report will apply from the date of the infringement up to and including the date of the following round, or as otherwise specified in accordance with the duration of the applied suspension.
- Any issued suspensions resulting from multiple infringements will be applied at the commencement of the following round.
- A suspended player may not be present at the Leisurelife Centre during the period of the suspension, including attending or participating any fixtured social sports matches in any capacity, whether as a player or spectator. If a player is seen at the centre whilst under suspension, the player will be given double the suspension first served.
- On the proviso that the team does not forfeit any matches during the suspension period, the player is able to return to Leisurelife after the completion of the suspension. Should the player's team forfeit any matches during his suspension, the return date will be extended accordingly.

## **INFRINGEMENT RECORD**

Any infringement accrued by a player will be recorded against the player for a period of six months from the date of the infringement.

## **PLAYER REPORT**

Any player that is placed on report by a match official or centre staff member at any given time during participation at the Leisurelife Centre will be subject to further investigation. Suspensions may be issued accordingly.

## SUMMARY

By implementation of this policy, the aim is to provide a safe and respectful playing environment for all participants of Leisurelife social sports competition.

The Leisurelife Sports and Programs Team extends our best wishes for an enjoyable experience for all.

Kind regards,

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