

# **HULA YELLOW/RED CARD LEAGUE POLICY**

## **I. INTRODUCTION**

**The following procedures outlining a Yellow/Red Card system for use in HULA League play may be instituted by the Commissioner(s) in attendance. Alternatively, these procedures may be implemented by the Commissioner(s) at an event with the approval of a majority of the Team Captains.**

For the purposes of this policy, the word 'player' means any person who is on the roster of a team competing in a particular league or tournament.

## **II. PROCEDURES**

Yellow and red cards may be assessed by the Commissioner(s) for offenses against players on the opposing team, observers, or spectators. This policy will follow the following procedures:

A yellow card assessed to a player will serve as an official warning to that player and put him on probation for the rest of the game. A subsequent yellow card to that player in that game will be the equivalent of assessing that player a red card.

A red card assessed to a player will serve as an immediate suspension from that game. If the red card is assessed, then the suspension shall include the subsequent game that his/her team is scheduled to play. Additionally, a formal complaint may be filed to the Commissioner(s) and all the Team Captains for possible further sanctions.

If five or more cards, of any color, are assessed to players on the same team during a game, then that team shall forfeit that game. The team shall retain the goals that they have already scored, and their opponents shall be awarded a score that would cause a victory at that time. However, for the purposes of any point differential calculation involving the team which forfeited, the game shall be treated as though they had scored no goals. (E.g., if team A is beating team B 13-9 in a game to 19 when a forfeit is declared on team A, the final score shall be 19-13 in team B's favor. In a point differential situation, however, A would get a +6, but B would get a -19). If a cap is in place, the winning score shall be at that cap.

If a player receives more than one suspension, or more than one red card, or if a player is assessed three or more cards (of any type) during the league, that player is suspended for the duration of the league, and a formal complaint filed to the Commissioner(s) and all the Team Captains for possible further sanctions.

When a card is assessed, the Commissioner(s) shall inform the player assessed, his/her Captain, and the Captain of the opposing team. The Commissioner(s), at his/her discretion may stop play in order to assess a yellow card; and must stop play in a timely manner in order to assess a red card. The team whose player is assessed a red card may insert a substitute player for the player who has been suspended. The opposing team may also substitute a player. Play on the field proceeds in a manner as if the suspended player were leaving the game on account of an injury.

An assessed card is non-reviewable for the duration of that game, but may be appealed to the Commissioner(s) and all Team Captains after the game in which the card was assessed is over.

The Commissioner(s) has the responsibility to insure that all the captains be informed about carded players for each game in which there are carded players on the rosters of the teams participating.

Dangerous, aggressive behavior, or reckless disregard for the safety of fellow players or harmful endangerment is always a foul. This rule is not superseded by any other rule. If a player's attempt to make a play on the disc causes significant impact with a legitimately positioned stationary opponent, before or after the disc arrives, it is considered **"harmful endangerment"**.

Intentional physical contact which constitutes a battery; i.e., intentionally striking another player, with a part of the body, a disc, or anything else, or an overt attempt at such an act will warrant a red card. (This includes, but is not limited to: throwing a punch, spiking a disc on someone, spitting on someone, or attempting to throw a punch, attempting to spike a disc on someone, or spitting on someone but missing).

Unwarranted aggressive (such as a push or a shove) or dangerous (such as a tackle) behavior is also grounds for a yellow card, at the discretion of the Commissioner(s).

**Repeated and/or excessive and prolonged taunting or repeated and/or excessive verbal abuse of players or the Commissioner(s) and any Team Captain will warrant a yellow or a red card, depending upon the severity of the offense. Which card is assessed is at the discretion of the Commissioner(s).**

Intentional fouling/violation of rules. If, in the opinion of the Commissioner(s), a player demonstrates a pattern of disregard for the rules by committing intentional, repeated, and flagrant fouls, a yellow card may be assessed.

A player who plays in a game for which he is suspended shall be suspended for the duration of the league, and the team for which he plays shall forfeit such game.