

Hancock Soccer Association

Rules and Regulations

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Hancock Soccer Association
Board of Directors**

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The Board may vote to maintain a list of standard penalties which may be applied and may then be appealed as stated in the HSA Discipline and Appeals Policy

A. Recreational and Competitive

1. All coaches are to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner, whether coaching a game, watching a game or at practices. Inappropriate behaviors include but are not limited to: smoking, swearing, inappropriate dress, fighting, unsporting conduct.
2. Inappropriate dress for coaches includes clothing that is torn, has drug, alcohol, or tobacco logos or diagrams. All male coaches are expected to wear shirts and appropriate shorts or slacks. Women may wear dresses, or skirts, shorts or slacks with an appropriate shirt or blouse. Clothing should not be suggestive in nature.
3. All players are to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner, whether playing in a game, watching another game, at practice, or anywhere they appear in their uniform.
4. Spectators are to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all soccer games. Inappropriate behavior includes but is not limited to: smoking, swearing, fighting, unsporting conduct. Spectators who are not behaving appropriately may be told to leave by the coach. There may be disciplinary action taken by the board or discipline committee depending on the offence or for multiple offences.
5. HSA will comply with the US Youth Soccer rules and regulations regarding KidSafe Forms.
6. At all practices and games there must be at least two adults age 18 or older present. For U19 teams the adults must 20 or older. If the second adult is not participating in the practice, he/she must be actively observing the practice.

7. The Youth Sports Violence Prevention Policy of the Findlay Parks and Recreation Board, shall be enforced. HSA reserves the right to add additional penalties as deemed appropriate.
8. No practicing on game fields at Emory Adams.

B. Recreational

1. Information provided on the player applications may not be falsified.
2. Coaches are expected to play each player at least 50% of the game unless for disciplinary reasons.
3. Coaches are expected to follow the age - level rules for their particular division.
4. Players are to wear the approved HSA uniform for their age-level.
5. To participate or practice with HSA all players must be registered, fees paid, and a liability waiver on file.
6. Practices for LK and U6 are once a week for a maximum of 1 hour. Practices for U7 – U10 is a maximum of 2 hours per week. Practices for U11 and up is a maximum of 3 hours a week. Maximum length of practice on any day is 1 ½ hours.
7. Players who receive a red card in a game will be suspended for the next game if it is the first red card received in the season. For the second red card received in the season the player will be suspended for the next two games. Suspensions received at the end of the season will be carried over to the next season. If it is the third red card received in the season the penalty will be determined by the Discipline and Appeals Committee.
8. Coaches who are asked to leave the game the first time in a season will be suspended for the next game. If the expulsion occurs in the last game of the season, the suspension will be served in the next season. Coaches who are asked to leave the game the second time in a season will be removed as a coach for a period of time to be determined by the discipline and appeals committee.

C. Competitive

1. Competitive coaches are to abide by the try-out policy of HSA-FSC.
2. Competitive teams are to abide by the uniform policy of HSA-FSC.
3. Managers/Coaches are to submit to the treasurer of HSA the Hancock Soccer fees, a roster, and a budget by Sept. 15 for the fall season, by May 1st for the spring seasons and by July 15th for the summer high school season. If this is not submitted on time, there is a \$50 fine.
4. Managers/Coaches are to submit to the treasurer of HSA a copy of their financial records for fall season by Dec. 1st and for the spring season by July 1st, and by July 15th for the summer high school season.
5. Competitive teams, coaches and families are to remember that they are representatives of HSA-FSC when attending tournaments and to conduct themselves appropriately.
6. The Vice-President of Competitive will submit to the treasurer a list of all teams' coaches and managers prior to the beginning of the season.

Competitive coaches, players and spectators are also to abide by the rules and regulations of the league in which they participate.

Penalties:

Penalties are at the total discretion of the Disciplinary and Appeals Committee and may include any and all of the following and may be concurrent or consecutive **on each charge**: suspensions of up to 10 years, probation of no more than ten years, fines up to \$5,000, denial of the team/club, coach, manager, or player to travel for a period of time, and placement in bad standing. Pursuant to OYSAN and USSF Bylaws, decision on these matters may or may not be appealable to OYSAN.