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PLAYERS CODE OF ETHICS AND BEHAVIOR

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The player's code of ethics is established by the Laws of the game established by Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) and modified or augmented by the organizational rules and laws of the game published by Soccer Association for youth (SAY) (The SAY rules and laws have precedent over the FIFA laws). The Organizational rules and Laws of the game cover the penalties dealt out during a soccer game.

The Bay-Lakes Board of Directors has established the following table which covers suspensions and expulsions beyond the game. These penalties apply to all Area games and it is strongly recommended that districts adopt this or a similar code for in district play. These penalties shall be administered in accordance with established "Due Process" procedures by the Bay-Lakes Ethics Committee and Rule 9 "Protests" in the SAY Organizational rules.

- NOTE: (1) All ejections automatically carry a one game suspension for the next game, additional games may be added for repeated or severe offenses. The player must be at the game to receive credit for serving his/her suspension.
 - (2) All ejections must be reported to the Area Referee Coordinator.
- TERMS: WARNING is considered a verbal statement from the referee.
 CAUTION Yellow card, a second Yellow card (Yellow/Red) in the same contest will include an ejection).
 EJECTION Red card.
 SUSPENSION Temporary removal from game participation. (Suspensions may carry over one season to the next.)
 EXPULSION Removal from any Area participation.
- 1. Penalties assessed which are longer than the present season may carry over to the next season.
- 2. Disciplinary actions can be taken by the Area Commissioner and may be appealed to the Area Ethics Committee.
- Protests of game decisions shall be administered in accordance with SAY organizational rule 9 "Protests". Appeals of suspensions and or expulsions will be heard by the Protest Committee as established by the Bay-Lakes Due Process procedure.

VIOLATION	PENALTY
1. Abusive Language directed at an official, player, coach, or spectator.	Ejection, one game suspension
 Offensive Language. Incidental language not directed to anyone. 	Caution
 Threatening actions or words toward officials, players, coaches, or spectators. 	Ejection, one game suspension
4. Aggressive physical contact with the referee i.e., grabbing the arm, turning the referee around, poking, bumping, etc.	Ejection, one game suspension
 Refusal to leave the playing field after ejection. 	Additional game suspension
6. * Striking an official.	Ejection, and expulsion for the season and possible report to legal authorities (police)
 * Intentionally striking, kicking, or spitting on (assaulting) a player. 	Ejection, two game suspension, 2nd offense expulsion for season
8. Harassment that is constant or excessive toward a referee or player.	Caution
 * Drugs & Alcohol – Either under the influence of or observed use during a game. 	Ejection, two game suspension, 2nd offense expulsion for season

* Failure to adhere to these items shall be treated as defined in the Bay-Lakes Due Process procedure as serious violations of the Bay – Lakes Code of Ethics for players. Players charged with serious violations shall not participate in any Bay-Lakes activities until the complaint has been resolved.