

FOOTY JAPAN COMPETITIONS DISCIPLINARY CODE

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Issued by Footy Japan Competitions under the authority of Footy Japan K.K.

1. Scope

This Disciplinary Code governs player discipline in competitions organised by Footy Japan Competitions, including:

- Tokyo Metropolis League
- Footy Japan Cup
- Kanto International Masters Soccer 7's
- Footy Japan 7's tournaments

This document applies to all players, teams, and officials participating in these competitions.

Match conduct is governed in accordance with the Laws of the Game as defined by FIFA and the Footy Japan Adult Competition Rules.

2. Referee Authority

Referees have full authority to enforce the Laws of the Game during matches.

Referees may issue cautions (yellow cards) and dismissals (red cards) where appropriate.

Decisions made by referees during the match are final and cannot be appealed.

The length and application of suspensions may be reviewed and confirmed by Footy Japan Competitions administration.

3. Immediate Enforcement of Suspensions

All suspensions resulting from yellow cards or red cards take effect immediately following the match in which the offence occurred.

4. Yellow Cards

A yellow card is issued for cautionable offences as defined by the Laws of the Game.

Accumulation of yellow cards may result in suspension.

Yellow cards issued in league matches and cup matches are recorded separately.

5. Yellow Card Accumulation

The following suspension rules apply:

- Three (3) accumulated yellow cards result in a one-match suspension.
 - Six (6) accumulated yellow cards result in a two-match suspension.
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6. Second Yellow Card in the Same Match

A player who receives two yellow cards in the same match will be sent off.

This results in a minimum **one-match suspension**.

7. Red Cards

All red cards result in a **minimum one-match suspension**.

Additional suspensions apply as follows:

- Second red card in the same season → minimum two-match suspension
- Third red card in the same season → minimum four-match suspension

Further offences may result in increased sanctions.

8. Serious Offences

The following offences carry a **minimum three-match suspension**:

- Serious foul play involving excessive force
- Violent conduct such as striking, punching, kicking, or elbowing an opponent
- Spitting at another player or individual

Players suspended for serious offences may not play for any team in any Footy Japan competition until the suspension has been fully served.

Suspensions resulting from serious offences apply across all Footy Japan Competitions.

9. Denial of Goal Scoring Opportunity

A red card issued for denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by:

- deliberate handball
- an offence punishable by a free kick

will result in a **minimum one-match suspension**.

10. Offensive or Abusive Language

The use of offensive, insulting, or abusive language or gestures will be reviewed on a **case-by-case basis**.

Sanctions will be determined by Footy Japan Competitions administration in consultation with match officials where appropriate.

11. Violent Conduct

Any act of physical violence towards another player may result in:

- a minimum three-match suspension
- longer suspensions depending on severity

Repeat offenders may face **permanent exclusion from Footy Japan Competitions**.

12. Abuse Towards Officials

Any act of violence, threatening behaviour, or sustained verbal abuse directed at a referee or competition official will result in **immediate and permanent exclusion** from Footy Japan Competitions.

13. Cross-Competition and Cross-Division Suspensions

Suspensions apply as follows:

- A one-match suspension may be served with the team for which the offence occurred, and the player may participate for another team in a different division until that suspension is served.
 - Suspensions of two (2) matches or more must be served across all Footy Japan Competitions, and the player may not participate for any team until the suspension is completed.
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14. Conduct Outside Matches

Disciplinary action may apply to misconduct occurring before, during, or after matches and at any Footy Japan organised event.

15. Appeals

Players or teams may request a review of disciplinary decisions by contacting Footy Japan Competitions administration.

Reviews will be conducted by the competition administration in consultation with referees or other relevant parties where necessary.

16. Authority of Competition Administration

Footy Japan Competitions administration retains final authority over disciplinary decisions and sanctions.

Footy Japan Competitions reserves the right to increase or reduce disciplinary sanctions where circumstances warrant.

The safety of participants and the integrity of the competition will guide all decisions.
