

# Sun Country (SU) Purple Card Sanction Policy

## I. Purpose of Purple Card Sanction Policy

The purpose and intent of the Purple Card (PC) Sanction policy, is to effectively address and sanction any inappropriate or prohibited behavior exhibited by any SU Region member (adult or junior), parent or spectator, attending and observing any SU Region sanctioned tournament. This policy is further intended to preserve order in its activities and maintain the safety and protection of all SU Region members. This policy outlines the procedural usage of the "PURPLE" card, which supplements the yellow and red sanction cards currently used by match official(s) (as dictated by the DCR). The SU Region Zero Tolerance Policy and the SURVA Code of Conduct remains in effect.

## II. Prohibited Behavior

- A. Prohibited behavior would include, but not limited to, any comment(s) made or action(s) displayed, deemed by others as rude, profane, disrespectful, disruptive or aggressive, which interferes with the normal progress of a tournament match.
- B. Any behavior prohibited by USAV and the SU Region Code of Conduct policies.
- C. Any misconduct deemed contrary to normally accepted behavior, which results in the unnecessary interruption of a tournament match

## III. Those affected by this policy

This policy applies to the following:

- A. Any SU Region adult member, i.e. club directors, coaches, rostered adult(s) or chaperones NOT currently participating in the match and has assumed the role of spectator. This policy also applies to these same individual(s) displaying misconduct BEFORE the start of a match, as well as AFTER the match has officially ended.
- B. Any SU Region junior player displaying misconduct BEFORE the start of a match, as well as AFTER the match has officially ended.  
(See Section VI for sanction guidelines for junior players)
- C. Any non-Region member, i.e. parent(s) or relative(s) of any SU Region member
- D. Any attendee or spectator of an SU Region sanctioned tournament match

#### **IV. When this policy is applicable**

A. The use of yellow and red card sanctions will remain in force, according to the policies and procedures set by the Domestic Competition Rules (DCR)

B. Use of the “Purple” Sanction card may be applied to any situation during a match, where spectator misbehavior occurs and the 1<sup>st</sup> Referee deems it necessary to address the misbehavior.

C. For misconduct by anyone before or after a match has ended, the SURVA Zero Tolerance Policy and the SURVA Code of Ethics is in effect.

D. The Purple/Yellow card sanction will be in effect for every SU sanctioned tournament. The Purple/Red card sanction will not be used during any SU “Bid” Championship tournament.

#### **V. Application of the Purple Warning Card**

##### **A. Minor Conduct**

1. Minor misconduct offenses are not subject to sanctions. It is the duty of the 1st Referee to prevent spectators and parents from reaching the sanctioning level.

This can be done in two stages:

a. Stage 1: Verbal Warning issued through the coach to the spectator

b. Stage 2: Issuance of Purple and Yellow Card Warning (PW)

This warning is issued to the team in which the offending spectator or parent is affiliated. The 1st Referee shall hold up the Purple and Yellow cards in one hand, initiating this issuance. Both team captains are then summoned to the referee stand. This then is followed by a notification of the team warning, through the game captains to their head coach, that a parent or spectator affiliated with their team has reached the sanctioning level. Once either head coach determines affiliation, that head coach must inform the offender of the warning. This formal warning is the initial sanction and a symbol that misconduct has reached the sanctioning level for the match.

c. In the event the offender refuses to identify their team affiliation or fails to comply with the 1st Referee’s request for identification, that offender is subject to a more serious sanction, including disciplinary action, or the enforcement of the Zero Tolerance Policy.

d. PC warnings are assessed to the affiliated team and are in force for the entire match. This means that each team may only receive one (1) PW per match. Any further sanction involving PC with that team will result in penalty.

e. PWs are recorded in the score sheet but have no immediate consequences.

## **B. Misconduct Leading to Sanctions**

1. Inappropriate conduct by a spectator or parent toward officials, playing teams, other parents or spectators is classified in three categories according to the seriousness of the offense.

- a. Rude Conduct: actions contrary to good manners or moral principles
- b. Offensive Conduct: defamatory or insulting words or gestures or any action expressing contempt.
- c. Aggression: actual physical attack or aggressive or threatening behavior

## **C. Sanction Scale**

1. After a Purple Warning has been issued and in the judgment of the 1st Referee, they may either issue a Purple Card Penalty (PP), request Disciplinary Action or the enforcement of the Zero Tolerance Policy; all applicable sanctions shall be applied and recorded on the score sheet.

THE SANCTION SCALE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

- a. Warning: First team offense
- b. Penalty: Second Rude or minor offensive conduct in the match by any parent or spectator is penalized with a point and service to the opponent
- c. Disciplinary **Action**: See the SURVA Tournament Handbook
- d. Zero **Tolerance Policy**: See the SURVA Tournament Handbook

## **D. Application of Misconduct Sanctions**

1. All misconduct sanctions are individual sanctions, remain in force for the entire match and are recorded on the score sheet.

2. Repetition of misconduct by the same parent or spectator in the same match is sanctioned progressively, which means that a more severe sanction is given for each successive offense.

3. When Penalty sanctions are issued, it is displayed as Purple and Red card held up jointly in one hand.

4. For Disciplinary Action, no cards will be shown:

- a. The Tournament/Site Director, Lead Official and/or any SURVA Board member shall determine what action will be taken
- b. Record the incident and when feasible, submit the documents to the Commissioner, Official's Chair and the Assignor

5. When the Zero Tolerance policy is implemented, no cards will be shown:

- a. Advise the Tournament/Site Director, Lead Official and/or any SURVA Board member of the incident
- b. Secure the removal of the offender from the facility (if necessary)
- c. Record the incident and, when feasible, submit the documents to the Commissioner, Official's Chair and the Assignor

### **NOTE**

**Upon the refusal of the offender to vacate the playing facility, local law enforcement will be notified immediately**

### **E. Reinstatement**

Parents or spectators sanctioned with an Ejection/Ban can only be reinstated, by a recommendation of any member of the Board of Directors at that tournament and the approval of the Region Commissioner.

### **VI. Application of Misconduct Warnings and Sanctions Against Junior Players**

In the event participating junior player displays misconduct in a Region tournament as a spectator during a match or before/after a match, the following sanction guidelines shall be applied:

1. Any misconduct deserving sanction shall be directed by the USAV Participant Code of Conduct.

2. If a junior player is charged with expulsion or ejection/ban, the player becomes the direct responsibility of the parent(s) or the head coach/club director.

a. Junior players are not to be expelled or ejected from any playing facility individually, but fall under the direct supervision of parent(s) or the head coach/club director. No further participation by the player is allowed.

b. A Notice of Infraction (NOI) will be submitted to the Commissioner and Official's Chair.

### **VII. Recording Warnings and Sanctions on the Score Sheet**

1. Issuance of Purple and Yellow Cards jointly (Misconduct Warning) Record a PC in the **W Warn** column; record the team at fault, the set number, and the score.

2. Issuance of Purple and Red Cards jointly (Misconduct Penalty)

a. Record a PC in the **P Penalty** column, record the team at fault, the set number, and the score at the time of penalty.

b. If penalty is against the serving team, record the serving team's exit score.

c. Record the awarded penalty point. Slash and circle the opposing team's next point in the **POINTS COLUMN**

### **VIII. Summary of Misconduct and Card Display**

**Warning** (No Penalty):

Symbol- Purple and Yellow card held jointly

Warning recorded on score sheet

**Penalty** (Point and serve to opponent):

Symbol – Purple and Red card held jointly

Penalty recorded on score sheet

**Disciplinary Action:** See SURVA Tournament Handbook

**Zero Tolerance Policy:** See SURVA Tournament Handbook