

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

Judicial Committee Stay Fit Soccer

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to provide fair and uniform procedures for the equitable and timely resolution of hearings and appeals submitted to the Stay Fit Judicial Committee (SFJC), and to ensure the rights of players to participate in a safe and positive environment. The SFJC shall consist of no fewer than 3 members, one of whom shall be appointed the Chairperson by the Director of Stay Fit Soccer. Individuals subject to the jurisdiction of the SFJC include, but are not limited to, players, field managers, spectators, and referees of the Stay Fit Soccer program.

To ensure uniform rules and to promote fairness, integrity, respect, safety, and the enjoyment of the game for players, referees, field managers, and spectators, Stay Fit Soccer adheres to the Laws of Walking Soccer as developed by Ultimate Walk Soccer Club.

The judicial committee will review all red and yellow card offenses as well as any situation involving discrimination, harassment, racism, and verbal/physical abuse that may occur during a Stay Fit soccer game.

PROCEDURES

Referees must report all red card offenses to the Club Managers and the Director of Stay Fit Soccer within 24 hours. The Judicial

Committee will determine any additional suspension days based on the severity of the offense. The player guilty of the offense will be informed of the committee's decision no later than 48 hours after the incident has occurred.

Referees must report all yellow card offenses to the Club Managers and the Director of Stay Fit Soccer within 24 hours. The Committee will record these offenses and will keep track of accumulated yellow cards per player per season. When a player accumulates three yellow cards within a season, the player will be suspended for the next game. The player will be notified within 48 hours of his/her third yellow card offense and the consequence given.

Referees must also report any other situation that occurs during the game they are officiating that involves discrimination, harassment, racism, or verbal/physical abuse on or off the field. This information must be reported to the Director of Stay Fit Soccer within 24 hours of the incident. The Judicial Committee will review the report and determine if and what consequences may be merited. The SFJC must inform the offending person of any consequence given within 48 hours of the incident. Any player, field manager, or spectator who is disciplined for their behavior does have the right to submit an appeal to the Director and the Judicial Committee and the right to a speedy resolution of that appeal. The person who is disciplined has 24 hours after the receipt of his/her consequence to submit a **written** appeal providing any additional information that may affect the consequence that has been meted. Additional information may

include witness statements as well as video recordings.

The Judicial Committee must conduct a hearing within 24 hours of receipt of the written appeal. The appellant may attend and participate in this meeting. The Committee may ask additional questions and give the appellant the opportunity to explain what he/she believes what happened. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Committee may determine to change the consequence or to uphold the first decision based on the information provided. The appellant must be given notice of the decision no later than 48 hours after the hearing. If any member of the Committee has a conflict of interest regarding the incident they must recuse themselves.