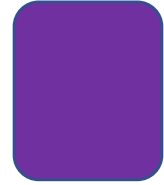




Carolina Region/USA Volleyball

Purple Card Sanction Policy – Spectators



I. Purpose of Purple Card Sanction Policy:

The purpose and intent of the Purple Card Sanction policy is to give a more effective tool for Professional officials to address and sanction any inappropriate or prohibited behavior exhibited by any CR Region member (adult or junior), parent, or spectator attending and observing any CR Region-sponsored tournament match. This policy is further intended to aid in preserving a respectful playing environment for all participants and maintain the safety and protection of all CR Region members. This policy outlines the procedural usage of the “PURPLE” card, which supplements the yellow and red sanction cards currently used by Professional Referees (as dictated by the DCR). The Carolina Region Participant/Spectator Behavior policy remains in effect.

II. Prohibited Behavior:

- A. Prohibited behavior would include, but not be 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 CR 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. Policy Overview:

This policy applies to the following:

1. Any CR Region adult member, i.e. club directors, coaches, rostered adult(s) or chaperones NOT currently participating in the match and who has assumed the role of spectator.
2. Any CR Region junior player NOT currently participating in the match and who has assumed the role of spectator. See Section VI for sanction guidelines for junior players.
3. Any non-Region member, i.e. parent(s) or relative(s) of any CR Region member.
4. Any attendee or spectator of any CR Region-sanctioned tournament match.

This policy will be in effect for all Carolina Region one-day Regular Season events that appear on our approved Tournament Schedule as well as all Carolina Regional Championship events. Multi-day special events (Quest, Queen City, City of Oaks, MAPL Raleigh, etc.) as well as any other one-day special events (found in the Other events list below our regular schedule) that are sanctioned by the Carolina Region may also choose to have this policy in force during their events. The Tournament Administration for each of those events will make their own determination whether to use the policy and will communicate their status to tournament participants before the event.

IV. Policy Applications:

- A. The use of yellow and red card sanctions will remain in force for all match participants, according to the policies and procedures set by the USA Volleyball 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 First Referee (R1) deems it necessary to address the misbehavior. NOTE: The Professional Referee may enforce any applicable sanctions while on the stand or while performing his/her training duties on the floor during pool play.
- C. For misconduct by anyone before or after a match has ended, the Participant/Spectator Behavior Policy will be in effect and administered by the Tournament Director.

V. Application of the Purple Warning Card:

A. Minor Misconduct

1. It is the duty of the First Referee to attempt to prevent spectators from reaching the sanctioning level. This can be done in two stages:
 - a. Stage 1: Verbal Warning
 - b. Stage 2: Issuance of Purple and Yellow Card Warning - This warning is issued to the team in which the offending spectator is affiliated. The First Referee shall hold up the Purple and Yellow cards in one hand to formally issue a Warning for that spectator. Both team captains are then summoned to the referee stand. The game captains will notify their head coach that a spectator potentially 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 not in itself a penalty but 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 First Referee’s request for identification, that offender is subject to a more serious sanction, including expulsion from the playing facility for the remainder of the tournament day (Participant/Spectator Behavior Policy).
2. Purple card warnings are assessed to the affiliated team and are in force for the entire match. This means that each team may only receive one purple card warning.
3. Purple card warnings 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. According to the judgment of the First Referee and depending upon the seriousness of the offense, the sanctions to be applied and recorded on the score sheet are **Penalty**, **Expulsion** and **Ejection/Ban**.
 - a. **Penalty**: Rude or minor offensive conduct in the match by any parent or spectator is penalized with a point and service to the opponent.
 - b. **Expulsion**: Serious offensive misconduct by any spectator requires expulsion from the playing facility for the remainder of the tournament day with no other match consequences.
 - c. **Ejection/Ban**: Aggressive misconduct, e.g. physical attack, implied or threatened aggression, by any spectator requires automatic ejection from the tournament facility and the individual is banned from any future CR Region-sanctioned tournaments for the remainder of the entire current season. No other match consequences are applied.

D. Application of Misconduct Sanctions

1. When Penalty sanctions are issued, it is displayed as Purple and Red cards held up jointly in one hand.
2. When Expulsion sanctions are issued, it is displayed as Purple and Red cards held up separately.
3. When Ejection/Bans are issued, no cards will be displayed. The First Referee immediately stops the match and secures the safety of those in the match.
4. All Expulsions or Ejection/Bans require the notification and involvement of the Tournament Director for the following purposes:
 - a. Documentation – Comment on the Score sheet. The TD will also need to fill out the Participant/Spectator Behavior Policy Report form.
 - b. Secure the removal of the offender from the facility. **NOTE: Upon the refusal of the offender to vacate the playing facility, local law enforcement will be notified immediately.**
5. All misconduct sanctions are individual sanctions, remain in force for the entire match, and are recorded on the score sheet.

6. Repetition of misconduct by the same spectator in the same match is sanctioned progressively, which means that a more severe sanction is given for each successive offense.
7. Expulsions or Ejection/Bans - offensive or aggressive misconduct does not require a previous sanction.

E. Reinstatement

Spectators sanctioned with an Ejection/Ban will receive an official notice through the Region Office. All major sanctions are accompanied by a copy of the Region Due Process Policy. Sanctioned individuals will have the ability to appeal any sanctions as outlined in the Due Process policy.

VI. Application of Misconduct Warnings and Sanctions Against Junior Players:

In the event a 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 a warning or sanction shall be directed by the Participant/Spectator Behavior Policy.
2. If a junior player is charged with expulsion or an ejection/ban, the player becomes the direct responsibility of their parent/legal guardian(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 their parent/legal guardian(s) or the head coach/club director. No further participation by the player is allowed.
 - b. A Participant/Spectator Behavior Policy Report Form must be submitted to the Region Office.

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**.

3. Issuance of Purple and Red Cards shown apart (Misconduct Expulsion)
 - a. Record a PC in the **E Expel** column, record the team at fault, the set number, and the score at the time of expulsion.
 - b. No loss of service or penalty point awarded.
4. For Purple Ejection, a note on the **REMARKS** Section will give the following information: Purple Ejection, Full Name (If available), team at fault, set number, and the score at the time of ejection (Score of team at fault is first)

VIII. Summary of Misconduct and Card Display:

Warning (No Sanction):	Stage 1 – Verbal Warning
	Stage 2 – Purple/Yellow card held jointly
	Warning recorded on score sheet
Penalty (Point and serve to opponent):	Purple/Red card held jointly
	Penalty recorded on score sheet
Expulsion (Expelled from playing facility for remainder of Tournament day):	
	Symbol – Purple/Red card held separately
	Expulsion is recorded on Score sheet

(Note: See Section VI for sanction guidelines for junior players.

Behavior Policy Report Form to Region Office is required)

Ejection/Ban (Ejected from facility or removal/Suspended from Region Tournaments for remainder of season):

NO card display - Stop match - Notify TD -
Ejection/Bans are recorded on score sheets

(Note: See Section VI for sanction guidelines for junior players.

Behavior Policy Report Form to Region Office is required)

Professional Officials will also be provided with a survey link to report all instances of Purple Card Warnings and Penalties given during the season, so the Carolina Region can track its use and effectiveness for program changes in future seasons.