



DISCIPLINE AND RED OR YELLOW CARDS

Some clarification and examples are required to enable Korfball New Zealand Referees the opportunity to take control of unruly players on the korfball court. The following lists some examples of situations where the KNZ referee may issue yellow and/or red cards.

In all cases, these are guidelines, and the referee is not required to use all these steps before issuing cards or ejecting a player from court.

The referee will take into account the type and degree of unacceptable behaviour or language. The referee may take into account the time between warning and issuing of a Yellow Card, such that a large duration could reduce the infringement.

In all cases, “player” can also include Coach, Official or Spectator.

SWEARING

KNZ does not approve of swearing at players or referees. This detracts from the game play and enjoyment of all the players in the game.

Any person swearing or using foul language directed toward the Referee, or a member of the opposing team or Coach, or a spectator, should have the following consequence:

- First Offence: A verbal warning
- Second Offence: Yellow Card
- Third Offence: Yellow and Red Cards

Any player swearing at themselves or a member of their own team, shall be reminded of KNZ’s disapproval of swearing. Excessive swearing (quantity or loudness) that the Referee may consider to be offensive to all, may cause Yellow and Red Cards as detailed above.

QUERYING OF CALLS

Rule 7a clearly states that the Captain of the team may query the *reason* for a Referee’s decision. They are not permitted to challenge the decision, and any query must be made in good faith.

Any Captain who continues to question a Referee’s decision, should have the following consequence:

- First Offence: A verbal warning
- Second Offence: A verbal warning, which should include a statement that no more will be tolerated
- Third Offence: Yellow Card
- Fourth Offence: Yellow and Red Cards

Any other player who questions a Referee’s decision, should have the following consequence:

- First Offence: A verbal warning, which should include a statement that only their Captain can query decisions.
- Second Offence: Yellow Card
- Third Offence: Yellow and Red Cards

DANGEROUS PLAY

Any player who could cause injury to other players, such as intentional barging pushing tripping or jumping down, should have the following consequence:

- First Offence: A verbal warning
- Second Offence: Yellow Card
- Third Offence: Yellow and Red Cards

VIOLENT ACTIONS

Activities such as punching or deliberate kicking of any other person, or any other physical action directed onto another person shall have the following consequence

- First Offence: Red Card

RULES

Rule 8d discusses situations and processes that the Referee must action in the case of misbehaviour. This document is not a replacement of that rule, and the Referee may proceed as decreed to immediately issue a Yellow Card upon the first offence.