



**INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
In conjunction with  
INDIANA SOCCER COACHES ASSOCIATION**

**YELLOW CARD (CAUTION) ACCUMULATION POLICY**

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**It is the intention of the IHSAA and ISCA to address the issue of the accumulation of Yellow Cards during the soccer season by an individual player or coach. The situations surrounding Red Cards are dealt with directly under the IHSAA By-Laws and the NFHS Soccer Rules and will not change.**

**The consequences for the accumulation of excessive Yellow Cards will be as follows:**

- 1.** Any player or coach who receives a total of **five cautions** in one season shall be suspended from and may not participate in the next regularly scheduled game, including postseason games. Suspended players or coaches must serve their suspension in the next scheduled contest. If the total is reached in the final post-season contest the suspension will be served in the first game of the following year. **If a senior is to serve a suspension it shall be rolled over to the first contest of the next sport in which the athlete is involved.**
- 2.** If a player or coach receives an **additional three cautions** after the first suspension, an additional one game penalty would apply and the process would be repeated after the next three cautions.
- 3.** Players and coaches will only count a maximum of one caution in any game for the purposes of this rule.
- 4.** **Beginning with the start of the IHSAA Soccer Tournament series, the player and coach cautions total zero. Throughout the course of the tournament play, players/coaches who accumulate three cautions as defined in the regular season policy would be required to serve a one-game suspension. Two additional cautions beyond that point will result in an additional one-game suspension.**
- 5.** Each school is responsible for maintaining accurate records of all cautions received during the season and the post-season tournament. Schools must notify the IHSAA Assistant Commissioner responsible for Soccer when the player or coach reaches the suspension level.
- 6.** Suspended players may not dress, but may be on the bench. Suspended coaches are prohibited from having contact with the team members or coaching staff beginning at the end of the school day of the contest until 30 minutes after the completion of that contest. The suspended coach may not attend the game nor shall he/she be on school premises.
- 7.** Any illegal participation of suspended players or coaches may result in the forfeiture of the contest.