

UIL SOCCER | CARD POINT SYSTEM

Regular Season Penalty Card Player Misconduct Rule. Points for yellow and red card shall accumulate for all games played through the district championship (includes tournaments, non-district and district contests). Each player accumulates points for each card that he/she receives in a contest.

- Yellow Card = 1 Point
- Red Card = 5 Points

A soccer player can accumulate a maximum of 5 points in any one contest. Any accumulation of points, which are multiples of five or greater, will require that the player sit out the following number of games:

Points	Games Missed
5	1
10	2
15	3
20	4
25	5
30	6

The school coach and /or school administrator responsible for soccer must be sure that the red and yellow cards are recorded correctly. The coach must hold a player out of the specified number of games depending on the players point count for red and yellow cards. Failure to do so could cause forfeiture of the contest and penalty to the coach for intentionally violating rules. Card penalties may not be served in playoff warm up games. Following are examples of how this procedure works:

Example: Player has 0 points. Player receives a yellow card (1 point) in the first half and a red card (5 points) in the second half. **Ruling:** Player has accumulated 5 points (the maximum for any one contest) and must sit out the next game.

Example: Player has 6 points entering game A. In game A player receives a yellow card (1 point). Player now has 7 points. In game B player receives a red card (5 points). **Ruling:** Player now has 12 points and must sit out the next two games.

Example: Player has 9 points entering game. Player receives a yellow card (1 point) during the game. **Ruling:** Player now has 10 points and must sit out the next two games.

Card Procedure for Post-District Playoffs. In the above examples, the student's cumulative card points return to 0 with the first playoff game after they sit out the number of games specified. **Card penalties may not be served in warm up games.** Warm up games are NOT considered playoff games. Points accumulated in warm-up games go against the total for the regular season.

A soccer player can accumulate a maximum of 5 card penalty points in any one contest.

The following examples illustrate the accumulation of card points during post-district playoffs:

Example: A student gets his first or second yellow card(s) for the season during the last district contest or warm up game. **Ruling:** Point count returns to 0 for the first playoff game.

Example: During the bi-district game, a student receives a red card (5 points). **Ruling:** Player sits out the area playoff game. During the regional semi-final game, the referee gives the same player another red card (5 points). **Ruling:** Player now has 10 playoff card points and must sit out the next two games (regional final and state semi-final).

Example: During bi-district game player gets a yellow card (1 point). In Area game, the same player gets a yellow card (1 point) in the first half, and a red card (5 points) in the second half. **Ruling:** Player sits out the next playoff game and has a total of 6 points (1 point entering the game and 5 points, the maximum for any one contest, from the second game)