Serious Foul Play Violations

Purpose: To share how the VMSL disciplinary governance will be applied for Serious Foul Play violations. Specific examples of serious foul play and the number of suspended games are shown in the next slide. The VMSL is looking to show some leniency in certain situations (e.g. first time offenders), however, we still reserve the right to apply the BC Soccer recommended suspensions as described in Section 20 (see additional slides).

Note: The coaches, management and players in the league need to understand that the recommended discipline as described in the slides are not written in stone. In other words, the referee may, at their discretion, decide on offenses based on temperature of the match, applying an advantage to not negatively impact the game flow, or in the interest of game safety.

VMSL Examples of Serious Foul Play incidents and the recommended discipline		
Serious Foul Play Incident	**Description**	**Recommended Matches Suspended**
Cleats up tackle	player does not touch the opponent or the ball (depending upon the circumstances)	1 to 3 matches
Cleats up tackle on the ball	player goes into a tackle with cleats up and contacts the ball but not the player (depending upon the circumstances)	1 to 3 matches
Cleats up tackle player contact	player contacts opponent during a cleats up tackle (will depend on the severity including egregious). The suspension may depend on the extent of the player injury	2 matches or up to 12 months
Tackle from behind	The suspension may depend on the extent of the player injury	Minimum 2 matches

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Official BC Soccer Policy Re: Serious Foul Play

20. Intentional Unethical Physical Contact

- Intentional unethical physical contact with any person including but not limited to pushing, pulling, charging, striking, kicking, an/or any other attempted negative physical contact
- A tackle or challenged deemed "serious foul play" during a match by a referee

ROLE	Touchline / Field / Administrative	Fine / Bond	1st Offence	2nd Offence	3rd Offence	Egregious
Player	Touchline / Field / Administrative	None	2 matches	3 to 6 matches	6 to 10 matches	12 months
Team Official	Touchline / Field / Administrative	Fine and/or Bond up to $300	3 matches	4 to 8 matches	6 months	12 to 24 months
Association Official	Touchline / Field / Administrative	Fine and/or Bond up to $500	3 Months	6 months	12 months	12 to 36 Months
Match Official	Touchline / Field / Administrative	Fine and/or Bond up to $500	3 Months	6 months	12 months	12 to 36 Months
Team (would be considered brawling)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Spectator	Touchline / Field / Administrative	Fine and/or Bond up to $500	3 Months	6 months	12 months	12 to 36 Months
ADDITIVE If the offence above is Against a Match Official and/or Against a Youth by an Adult, then the minimum/maximum sanction in the corresponding ADDITIVE table must be added to the original offence.						
Against a Match Official	Administrative	Fine and/or Bond up to $1000	6 months	12 months	12 to 24 months	Up to lifetime
Against a Youth by an Adult	Administrative	Fine and/or Bond up to $5000	12 months	12 to 36 months	60 months	Up to lifetime

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