Violent Conduct Violations

Purpose: To share how the VMSL disciplinary governance will be applied for Violent Conduct Violations. Specific examples of violent conduct 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 22 (see additional slide).

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 Violent Conduct incidents and the recommended discipline

Violent Conduct Incident	Description	Recommended Matches Suspended
Game Management Red Card	a group incident occurs and a red card is issued to a player on each team. One player is given a Red Card for a push and this particular push, in a regular situation, would have drawn a yellow card but in this circumstance, the Referee felt a straight red card was needed to calm the overall situation	1 match
Push Moderate Force	2 hands with moderate force and opponent does not fall down	1 or 2 matches
Push Excessive Force	2 hands with excessive force and the opponent is forced to the ground	2 or 3 matches
Slap	point of contact was not the face or head	3 or 4 matches
Head Slap	contact to the face or head	Minimum 4 matches
Minimal Kick	minimal force kick, opponent not injured at all	2 to 4 matches
Moderate Kick	moderate kick where opponent may have a minor injury	4 to 5 matches
Excessive Kick/Tackle	excessive force is used during a kick or tackle (depending upon condition/injury of the opponent)	5 to 6 matches unless egregious (see section 22 below)
Punch	two players involved and both are engaged	Minimum 5 matches
Sucker Punch	a sucker punch will be viewed as egregious	1 year to expulsion from the VMSL
Hit to the Head	anything where the head is the point of contact	minimum 4 matches
Minimal Headbutt	Headbutt to the player with minimal force (player doesn't fall or is injured)	Minimum 3 games
Moderate Headbutt	Headbutt to the player with moderate force (knocking down player and/or causing player to leave the game with minor injury)	Minimum 5 games
Excessive Headbutt	Egregious headbutt causing more severe injury to player (suspension will depend on the condition of the player)	Minimum 8 games

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22. Intentional Unethical Physical Contact – Violent Conduct

- Any form of assault including but not limited to head butting, biting, punching and/or elbowing
- Any form of intentional unethical physical contact with excessive force including but not limited to pushing, pulling, striking or kicking
- A tackle or challenge deemed "violent conduct" by a match official during a match

ROLE	Touchline / Field / Administrative	Fine / Bond	1st Offence	2nd Offence	3rd Offence	Egregious
Player	Touchline / Field / Administrative	None	3 to 6 matches	4 to 8 matches	6 to 12 months	12 to 60 Months
Team Official	Touchline / Field / Administrative	Fine and/or Bond up to $500	7 matches	6 months	12 months	12 to 24 months
Association Official	Touchline / Field / Administrative	Fine and/or Bond up to $500	3 to 6 months	6 to 12 months	12 to 24 months	24 to 60 months
Match Official	Touchline / Field / Administrative	Fine and/or Bond up to $500	3 to 6 months	6 to 12 months	12 to 24 months	24 to 60 months
Team (Considered brawling)	Touchline / Field / Administrative	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Spectator	Touchline / Field / Administrative	Fine and/or Bond up to $500	3 to 6 months	6 to 12 months	12 to 24 months	24 to 60 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	As per above	6 months	6 to 12 months	12 to 24 months	Up to lifetime
Against a Youth by an Adult	Administrative	As per above	12 months	12 to 24 months	24 to 60 months	Up to lifetime

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