

## Changes to the CIAC Yellow Card Rule

The CIAC Boys/Girls Soccer Committees have implemented changes to the yellow card rules. These changes are aimed at eradicating poor behavior by coaches and student-athletes. Quick reminders about the implementation of the rule (found in Appendix B of the [Soccer Information Packet](#)) are below.

- All varsity games must be reported on the penalty card submission form (green flag next to game) on the CIAC website, **even if no cards have been issued**. You will no longer be able to submit a score unless you have filled out the penalty card submission form.
- You must have a system in place at each game to accurately record all cards.
- Tier One Cards are Red Cards and Yellow Cards for Dissent or Vulgar/Profane Language, but ALL cards must be entered onto the penalty card submission form.
- The three yellow card rule, leading to the suspension of a coach or player, no longer exists. It has been replaced by a new rule, which states that:
  - A player or coach is ineligible to participate in any soccer contest until withheld from the next soccer contest at that level of play when the player or coach has been issued a second (cumulative) Tier 1 card during the regular season. The rule also becomes operative for the same player or coach for every subsequent Tier 1 yellow card throughout the regular season. The game in which the second Tier 1 card (and all subsequent Tier 1 cards) is given determines the level of play.
- Any player who is issued their second Tier 1 (cumulative) yellow card and a red card in the same game will be disqualified for the next two games and is ineligible to play until the next two games at that level of play have occurred.
- Any coach who is issued their second Tier 1 (cumulative) yellow card and a red card in the same game will be disqualified for the next three games and is ineligible to coach until the next three games at that level of play have occurred.
- Any player or coach who is issued a second caution (yellow card) in the same game will be ejected and required to sit out the next game\*. It shall be reported as one yellow card and one red card and shall count as one or two cumulative Tier 1 yellow cards (depending on the infraction for the yellow cards) for that player or coach (\* 2 games for a coach)
- The issuance of a straight red card does not count as one yellow card.