

Discipline and Protest (D&P)

What is D&P? D&P is organization within the club that monitors the adherence of the club, local and state association rules and by-laws.

Who is the D&P? The GCYS D&P representative is Philip Gentry. Contact info: dandp@gcysoccer.org, 713.302.4427.

How to use D&P?

- 1) Protest Game: Inform referee and opposing coach before leaving field that you plan to protest. Contact GCYS D&P. **Do not write comments on the game card!**
- 2) File a Grievance: Contact GCYS D&P
- 3) Penalty points: If a player or coach receives a red or yellow card, please inform the club D&P. Make a copy of the game card and keep for your records. Any player/coach that accumulates 9 points (2 yellow cards or 1 red card) must serve a one game suspension. The suspended player will be suspended from any BAYSA activity until the suspension is served. To serve the suspension, the coach must submit a suspension form at the next game, and have the referee and opposing coach sign the form. The form must then be submitted to the scorekeeper with the game card. Make a copy of the signed suspension form for your records. If a suspended player plays before the suspension form is submitted, **every game the suspended player plays will be forfeited.**
- 4) Penalty Report: Each team is required to have a penalty report for playoffs. Your club D&P will provide that information to the teams going to playoffs.

Things to remember:

- 1) **Never write anything on the game card except the player numbers, and your signature.** It is a legal document and only the referee is authorized to make comments on the game card.
- 2) Follow the appropriate chain of command. Contact the club D&P, and the club D&P will contact the BAYSA D&P. The same goes for any board position. Failure to do so will ultimately waste time. When the BAYSA D&P is contacted directly, they will then contact the club D&P to look into it. If you have a problem with the Club D&P, contact the club President.
- 3) The fee to protest a game is \$150. If you win, you get it back. You cannot win a protest based on a referee judgment call. For example, if your player scores the winning goal and the referee calls the goal back for offside, you can file a protest. You will lose that protest and you will lose the \$150.
- 4) **REMEMBER SHIN GUARDS ARE MANDATORY IN PRACTICE AND GAMES**