

Red cards & what to do if you get one;

Red cards are issued for all infringements listed on page 8 of the GHFA Book (the A4 sized yellow booklet). Red and yellow cards are issued in all ages and grades from under 9's upwards. Coaches, Managers, Parents and spectators can also be cited for infringements (see page 8 section B & C of the GHFA Book) so behave on the sidelines ☺. If your team gets a red card and you want to appeal here is the process;

- First the referee should be approached by the Manager of the team immediately after the game. Under no circumstances should the referee be intimidated or spoken to harshly.
- Ask the Referee for the send off code number, if the referee needs to verify the actual code request that he contacts the Manager later in the day. Make sure you exchange contact details.
- If the Manager does not want to, or is not able to approach the referee for the send off code, advise Ian Bell (President) and he will contact the Referees Association for the code. Not having a send off code does not prevent a red card from being appealed.
- If you intend to appeal the red card check with the opposing team coach and if they are prepared to support you get their contact details.
- Inform the Club Junior coordinator (Vince Kraak) or the club President (Ian Bell) immediately. On your behalf the club will notify the GHFA in writing (required within 24 hours) that we will be appealing the penalty.
- You, the Manager or Coach, need to provide a written explanation of the circumstances and why you think the penalty should be waived etc. this will form the basis of your appeal to the committee, keep it succinct, to the facts, avoid emotion and opinion. State the facts only.
- The club committee will work with you on the appeal so that you are prepared.
- The player involved and a committee member then have to front up to the GHFA P&D Committee on the Tuesday evening following the game to explain themselves. It is also a good idea to have a parent accompany the player if young.
- Finally if you believe a referee's performance was unsatisfactory, DO NOT take it up with the referee, but advise the Junior coordinator or President, who will discuss this further to decide whether to submit a report to the Referees Association on behalf of the club.