

# The Great Public Schools Association of Queensland

## AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION GUIDELINE

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## Introduction

The Great Public Schools Association of Queensland manages several Sport and Activities across the academic year. It is recognised the spirit in which these fixtures are conducted. This guideline summarises the caution, warning, dismissal and suspension period across all GPS Sport and Activities.

This guideline will be used by both home and visiting schools for any fixture approved by the GPS Association.

This guideline on warnings, cautions and dismissals are only applicable to GPS Association Fixtures.

The recommendations in this guideline are to be used for all participants involved in GPS Sport and Activities, including students, teachers, coaches, parents, old boys, officials, referees, umpires, scorers, volunteers, staff and spectators.

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## Previous amendments

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GPS Automatic Game Suspension	1 January 2023	17 October 2022

The GPS Executive Office, in conjunction with the Member School host representative, will have authority in implementing decisions relating to automatic game suspension utilising the following guidelines. This guideline relates to players and coaches in official GPS Fixtures.

## **1 CAUTION OR WARNING**

A caution or warning (eg. Yellow card/ Temporary Dismissal) during a fixture, race or competition provides participants receiving them another chance to continue the fixture. Two warnings given to the same participant within the same fixture, game or race division will result in the participant having to leave the field of play and surrounding technical areas at once.

In general terms, offences resulting in a caution or warning, they are:

- Unsportman-like behaviour
- Dissent by word or deed
- Repeated infringement of the rules
- Delaying the start or restart of play
- Leaving or re-entering the field of play without the officials permission
- Unsafe or dangerous play

All participants start with a clean slate at the commencement of a fixture, caution or warnings are not carried over.

## **2 DISMISSAL**

A participant who has committed an offence that warrants a participant excluded for the remainder of the fixture, race or competition (an ejection, dismissal, expulsion, removal, sending-off, Red card), will result in the participant having to leave the field of play and surrounding technical areas immediately and must take no further part in the fixture, race or competition. The participant is excluded for the remainder of the fixture, race or competition. In many activities, the ejected participants' team cannot replace them and thus must continue the rest of the fixture, race or competition with one fewer participant.

## **3 SUSPENSION**

The above types of misconduct resulting in dismissal will result in the player being unable to participate in other GPS Sport and Activities for that day.

The dismissal will see a Mandatory automatic one (1) Week Suspension period of an official GPS Fixture. The Mandatory one (1) Week Suspension must be served in the age grade or competition in which the offence occurred. Where no Official GPS fixture, race or competition are scheduled in the week following the fixture, race or competition in which the participant has received the offence the one week suspension is to be served in the next week in which fixture, race or competition are scheduled and played.

Each dismissal must be reviewed on its own merits and circumstances, and the suspension can be increased internally by the Member School of the suspended participant. There is no appeal against the one (1) week suspension.

If the dismissal occurs in the season's final fixture, race or competition, no carry-over to the next activity occurs. Each Member School reserves the right to implement its own penalties in this situation.

## **4 SUSPENSION REGISTER**

A suspension Register is the FIRST notification of suspension. All players or coaches issued with a dismissal must serve an Automatic Week regardless of notification. Member schools are required to notify the GPS Executive Officer via GPSNet online suspension register of any dismissal of a player or coach.

The GPS Executive Officer will formally record the suspension and notify relevant parties of the applicable fixture to be served.

## 5 SPORT & ACTIVITIES

The below table outlines the actions and level of caution, warning and dismissal in each GPS Sport and Activities. In addition to the fixture, race or competition appointed official a field-court marshalls/ school leadership staff and the head official is authorised to dismiss or send off a player or coach under this policy.

Activity	Caution or Warning	Dismissal or sending-off
Basketball	Technical foul – issued by Referee under FIBA rules	Two Technical fouls – issued by Referee under FIBA Rules
Chess		The threat of an official; physically assaulting another player, umpire, official or spectator; or any other act of violence. The room supervisor issues it.
Cricket		The threat of an umpire; physically assaulting another player, umpire, official or spectator; or any other act of violence. It is issued by the umpire by way of dismissing the player at the time or report post-match.
Cross Country		The threat of an umpire; physically assaulting another player, umpire, official or spectator; or any other act of violence. It is issued by Head Judge.
Debating		The threat of an umpire; physically assaulting another player, umpire, official or spectator; or any other act of violence. The room supervisor issues it.
Football	Yellow card – issued by Referee under FIFA rules	Two Yellow cards – issued by Referee under FIFA rules in a single game Red card – issued by Referee under FIFA rules
Rowing	Yellow card – issued by Boat Race Official	The threat of an umpire; physically assaulting another player, umpire, official or spectator; or any other act of violence. It is issued by Boat Race Official by way of report post regatta.
Rugby	Yellow card – issued by Referee under World Rugby Laws	Two Yellow cards – issued by Referee under World Rugby Laws in a single game Red card – issued by Referee under World Rugby Laws
Swimming		The threat of an umpire; physically assaulting another player, umpire, official or spectator; or any other act of violence.
Tennis	Rule violations: First offence: Warning Second offence: Loss of a point Third offence: Loss of a game	After the third offence, the appointed venue umpire is to issue a default/ disqualification. In the event of no venue umpire, both school appointed representatives can give the default/ disqualification.
Track & Field		The threat of an umpire; physically assaulting another player, umpire, official or spectator; or any other act of violence.
Volleyball	Yellow card – issued by Referee under FIVB rules	Yellow and Red card – issued by Referee under FIVB rules