

Carding: an umpire's tool to enforce mandatory foul violations and manage unsportsmanlike conduct. It is NOT a power tool but a **management** tool. Cards MUST be used at appropriate times by rule and also to control the game so its outcome is in the hands of the players and not manipulative coaches, fans, players.

KNOW THE RULES for the level you are officiating! This prevents a lot of questioning of calls.

Know which fouls MANDATE a card. It is not optional or a discussion.

STOP ALL unsportsmanlike conduct immediately. Ignoring it will not make it go away; it only will get worse.

Call **time out** to administer cards.

U-6 and U-8 Rule 6.8 No Contact and 6.9 Unsportsmanlike Conduct

U-10 6.11 No Contact—Dangerous Contact is a mandatory card.

6.12 Shooting Fouls—Dangerous Propel and Dangerous Follow through are mandatory cards.

6.13 Unsportsmanlike Conduct

U-12 6.11 No Contact—Dangerous Contact is a mandatory card.

6.12 Illegal Check—check to the head (intentional or not) and slash are mandatory cards

6.13 Shooting Fouls—Dangerous Propel and Dangerous Follow through are mandatory cards.

6.14 Unsportsmanlike Conduct

U-14 6.11 No Contact—Dangerous Contact is a mandatory card **and play short.**

6.12 Illegal Check—check to the head (intentional or not) and slash are mandatory cards

6.13 Shooting Fouls—Dangerous Propel and Dangerous Follow through are mandatory cards.

6.14 Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Delay of Game: pg.48-49 USL Rule Book

1st offense: Green—change of possession; 2nd offense: Green/Yellow—major foul and leave field for 2 minutes playing short (U-14); 3rd+ offense: Yellow—major foul and counts in team count (U-14).

Misconduct: Player: pg. 60-62

Coach: pg 62