



**NZJSBA**

**Infringement Penalty System**



## Introduction

The following document details the Infringement Penalty System, herein referred to as the “IPS” unless otherwise specified, adopted by both the Australian Jet Sports Boating Association (AJSBA) and the New Zealand Jet Sport Boating Association (NZJSBA).

This document details the IPS card system, including the issuance of cards, record keeping, and protest process. It also provides details on the three different card colours – Blue, Yellow, Red.

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## IPS Overview

The Infringement Penalty System (IPS) is set in place for all AJSBA/NZJSBA License holders (Full, Social and Day Licence holders), officials, staff, volunteers, crew and spectators. Where a person is in breach of any formal rule and/or shows behaviour that does not align with current AJSBA/NZJSBA Code of Conduct he/she/they will be recorded under the IPS card based system.

## Card Issuance

Person(s) found in infringing/breaching the rules and/or code of conduct will be issued an IPS card (types detailed below) as a record of the infringement/breach. They will receive an explanation/information/training on how to correct their behaviour/infringement and support/education will be offered where needed. A copy of the card issued will also be supplied to the respective AJSBA/NZJSBA Office for record keeping.

Infringements/breaches may include (but are not limited to): Dangerous riding, blatant breaches of rules while racing/training (causing accidents, racing infringements, flag breaches, ignoring officials instructions), altering events / proceedings for personal gains, unauthorised club representation, un-sportsman/woman-like conduct, verbal abuse, fighting, abuse on social media directed at other riders/officials/groups, bringing the sport into disrepute, illegal craft modifications, unpaid fees.



## Authority to Issue Cards

All IPS cards (Blue, Yellow and Red) can be issued by the following individuals/groups:

- Event Race Director in consultation/agreement with any of the following:
  - Assistant Race Director at the same event, or;
  - AJSBA/NZJSBA Executive Committee member attending the same event, or;
  - Club President / Acting Club President attending the same event.
- Any member of the AJSBA/NZJSBA Executive Committee in consultation/agreement with any of the following:
  - Event Race Director at the same event, or;
  - Another AJSBA/NZJSBA Executive Committee Member attending the same event, or;
  - Club President / Acting Club President attending the same event.
- The AJSBA/NZJSBA Executive Committee (or their appointed sub-committee) following investigations post event.

Cards issued at an event may be upgraded/downgraded by the AJSBA/NZJSBA Executive Committee (or their appointed sub-committee) after a formal infringement review post event.

## Record Keeping

A record of infringements issued will be kept at the AJSBA/NZJSBA Office which can be requested by any affiliated clubs.

## Card Duration

Blue and Yellow card infringements/breaches will remain active for a minimum duration of 2 years. Multiple Blue and/or Yellow card infringements/breaches during this period will accumulate and may result in upgrading a new card to Red and/or downgrading rider classification.

A Red card infringement/breach means the individual will be suspended and unable to compete/enter any sanctioned event until advised/cleared by the respective AJSBA/NZJSBA Executive Committee. If the individual is a licenced rider then his/her licence will be revoked and as such the suspended rider will not have a licence from their country of residence to compete at international events. The IJSBA office will be notified as well.

If the rider holds dual international licensing with the an IJSBA Affiliate and UIM Affiliate, the AJSBA/NZJSBA will pass infringement notification and/or suspension notices onto the UIM governing body.



## Protesting a Card

Any individual that has been issued a Blue, Yellow, and/or Red card under the IPS has the opportunity to protest the card/appeal the decision.

Appeals must be made in writing on the official appeals form to the respective office (AJSBA/NZJSBA) within 24 hours of receiving the infringement card. Appeals should be supported by witness statements, video evidence, clear and concise descriptions of what took place.

The respective office (AJSBA/NZJSBA) will open an investigation/hearing and review all relevant information and report back within a reasonable time (being 1 calendar month to coincide with monthly meetings unless an express investigation/hearing is requested).

The protest fee that must accompany an appeal application is as follows:

- Standard Appeal Fee - \$300
- Express Appeal Fee - \$450

Fees **MUST** be paid into the AJSBA/NZJSBA bank account within **48 hours** of the protest/appeal being lodged.

Should the protest/appeal be successful, and the issued card rescinded, the appeal fee will be refunded fully and an investigation launched into why a card was issued by the respective Executive Committee (AJSBA/NZJSBA). Should then the investigation find that you have been the target of a biased and/or malicious attack in respect to the issue of the card, or there is deemed to be no grounds for the card in the first instance, a subsequent investigation will be launched into the officials that issued the card in the first instance.



## IPS Card Types

### Blue Card

A Blue Card can be issued to any rider, official, staff, volunteer, crew or spectator for minor infringements as follows (but not limited to):

- Verbal outbursts directed at event staff, event officials, and/or volunteers, or;
- Verbal outbursts directed at other riders, crew members, and/or spectators, or;
- Social media misconduct, or;
- Breaching event site regulations, or;
- Bringing the sport into disrepute, or;
- Illegal craft modifications, or;
- Unpaid fees

The issue of a Blue card under the IPS is deemed as a warning to the individual that the infringement(s) noted are unacceptable and that the individual is on notice. A further Blue card may result in a suspension from attending any AJSBA/NZJSBA sanctioned events for a minimum of 3 months.

Further to this suspension, the Event Race Director and/or a AJSBA/NZJSBA committee representative reserve the right to immediately restrict a rider from further competition at the current event and/or eject the individual from the event.

The AJSBA/NZJSBA Executive Committee may also increase the suspension time taking into account the severity of the offences.

### Yellow Card

A Yellow Card can be issued to riders/racers for infringements as follows (but not limited to):

- Dangerous riding, or;
- Causing a minor incident on track, or;
- Repeated race infringements, or;
- Lack of track knowledge, or;
- Cutting across the official race course, or;
- Lack of general rules knowledge, or;
- Ignoring flags whilst competing, or;
- Ignoring event officials instructions/directions, or;
- Unsportsmanlike conduct

Multiple Yellow card infringements will result in the individual being issued a Red Card.



Being issued with a Yellow card will mean that the rider/racer is immediately stood down/removed from racing/competing until he/she has met with officials and clearly understands the infringement (severity etc) and agrees to not repeat the action/behaviour.

Depending on the infringement, the Event Race Director and/or AJSBA/NZJSBA committee representative reserve the right to immediately restrict a rider from further competition at the current event.

For reference, two Yellow cards are allowable within a 2 year window from the date of the oldest card issued. A further, third, Yellow card within this 2 year window would automatically result in a Red card and immediate suspension.

## Red Card

A Red Card can be issued to any person for (but not limited to):

- Dangerous riding, or;
- Malicious intent, or;
- Severe Verbal Abuse towards any rider, staff, official, volunteer, crew, spectator, or;
- Physical Abuse towards any rider, staff, official, volunteer, crew, spectator, or;
- Extreme behaviour unbecoming of a representative of the AJSBA/NZJSBA, or;
- Repeated infringements (Blue & Yellow Cards)

The issue of a Red card will mean that the individual will be immediately asked to remove themselves from the event. The AJSBA/NZJSBA executive committee will review the infringement with respect to issuing an appropriate ban for the individual from future events.

If the Red card is issued as a result of multiple Blue and/or Yellow card infringements then the individual will be banned from attending a set number of events until as such time the AJSBA/NZJSBA deem appropriate.

## Further Information

For further information please contact your respective (AJSBA/NZJSBA) national body office.