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Progressive Punishment

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General Remark



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- An individual player should not be given more than one warning.
- A team should not be given more than 3 warnings; next punishment should be at least a 2-minute suspension.
- A player, who has already had a 2-minute suspension, should not subsequently be given a warning.
- No more than one warning in total should be given to the officials of a team.

Criteria



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a) The position:

- frontal
- from the side
- from behind

b) The part of the body:

- torso
- shooting arm
- legs
- head/throat/neck

c) Dynamics:

- Intensity of illegal body contact
- and/or foul where the opponent is in full speed

d) Effect:

- impact on the body and ball control
- reduction or prevention of moving
- prevention of game continuation

Fouls



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8:3



Normal progressive
punishment

8:4



Direct
2- minutes

8:5



Disqualification
without report

8:6



Disqualification
with report

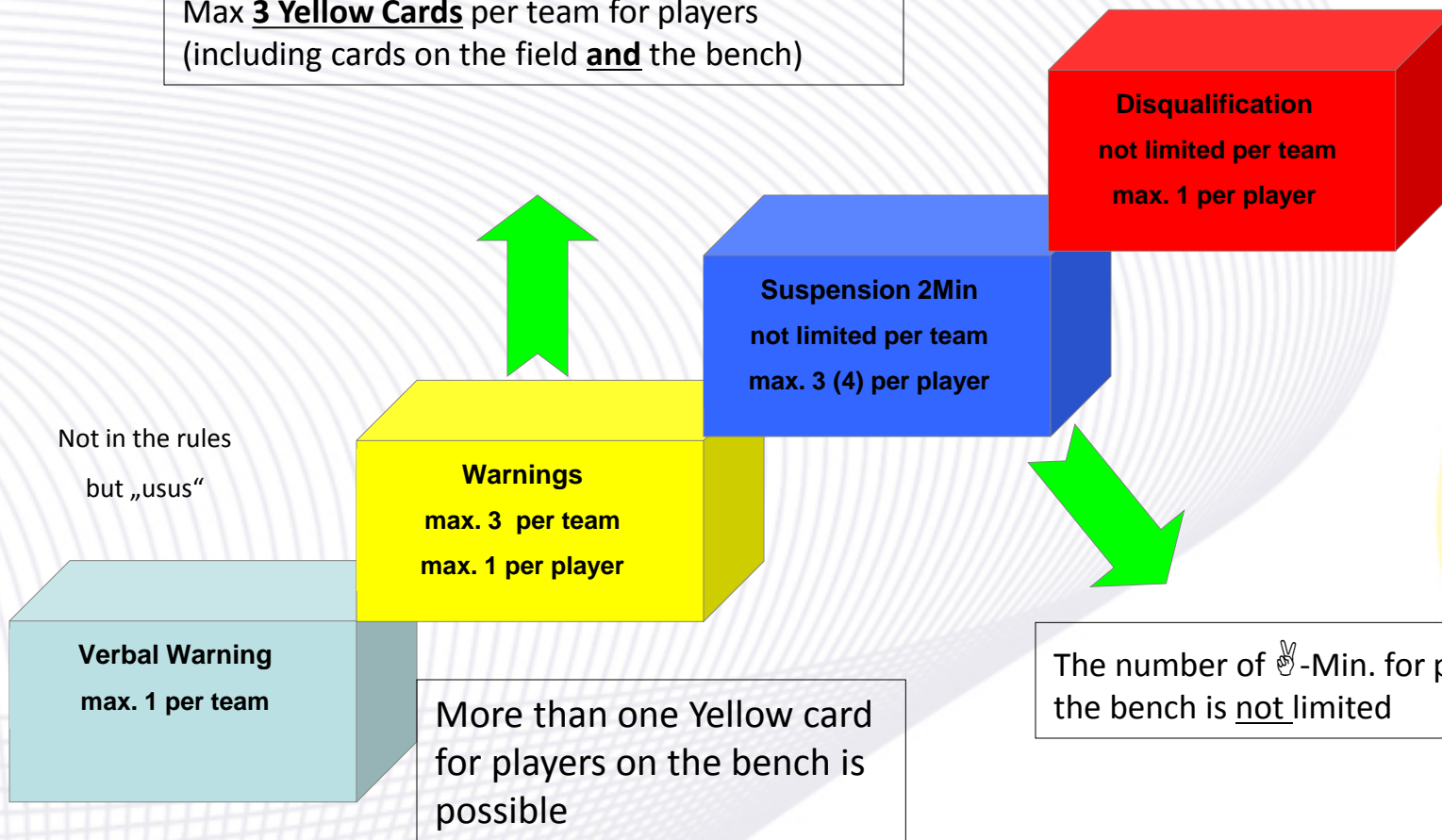
Players



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The progressive ladder for **players**:

Max **3 Yellow Cards** per team for players
(including cards on the field **and** the bench)



Strategy



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- Give clear signals what you want - from the very beginning!
- Chose a progressive line, which you are able to practice during the whole game!
- It's easier to reduce the level of punishments slightly during the game, than to intensify it!
- Same action, same sanction. Take standards!
- Don't miss a chance to balance!

Don't forget:

- Some actions need to be punished directly with 2 Minutes or Red Card.

Strategy



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- Be **tolerant** in **frontal** 1:1 actions – body contact is an important element in handball.
But not against head or neck, and no pushing in the air or pushing with stretched arms.
- Be **sensible** from the **side** – defence is mostly not anymore ball oriented - often progressive punishment necessary.
- Be **very consequent** against attacks **from behind** **and in counter attacks** → progressive punishment.
Usually no Yellow card for fouls in counter attacks.

Officials

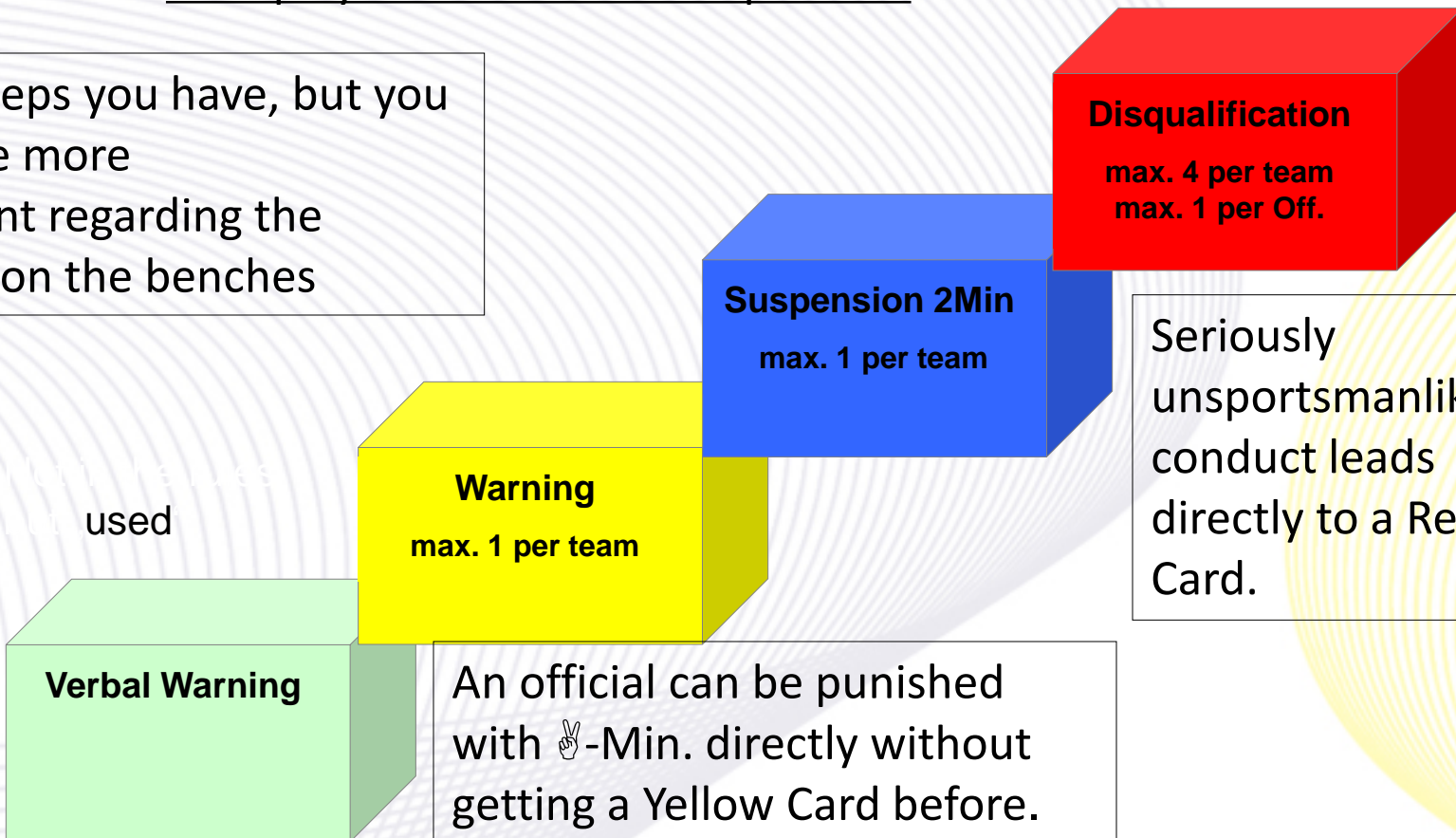


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The progressive ladder for **officials**:

Yellow: 3 for players + 1 for officials possible

Use the steps you have, but you have to be more consequent regarding the discipline on the benches



Bench behaviour



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Constant protests by officials in the substitution area against the referees' decisions – either verbally or in form of gestures – simply cannot be tolerated.

**Strategy: Ignore and accept first emotions – use teamwork with delegate – but then be consequent with all your possibilities:
Verbal warning – Yellow Card – 2 Minutes - Disqualification**

Bench behaviour



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At any given point in time, the permission to move around and stand while coaching applies to only one official per team. Players have to sit down – except for warming up behind the bench without ball.

Of course we tolerate a second official standing up for a short while doing his job – but not permanent.

Clips – Unnecessary punishment



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Clip 1

Must be play on, pivot used his goal chance, stayed with full ball & body control, defender let him early go, wrong signal of GR, No punishment necessary.



Clip 2

Defender only blow to attacker, no fault, how is possible 2 minutes after goal? Attacker didn't feel anything.

Clips – Progressive normal decisions



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Clip 1

Foul from back, nothing to do with the ball, must be progressive.



Clip 2

Holding T-shirt of pivot, immediately reaction and progressive.

Clips – Progressive Direct 2min (8:4)



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Clip 1

Direct 2min for hitting from side, attacker is jumping, dangerous foul.



Clip 2

Holding T-shirt and pulling down means Direct 2min + 7m



Clip 2

Very good focus of Field Referee, clear hitting at face.
Direct 2min.

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Clips – Disqualification - Red Card (8:5)



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Clip 1

Hit to the head, Red Card.



Clip 2

Holding lower part of leg from behind, with big effect, must be Red Card + 7m.



Clip 3

Defender player is in the counter and runs in attack player, only interested in taking the player. Red card + 7m.



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Thank you for your attention !

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