



TSSA Banned Terms

Below is a table of banned terms within TSSA, TSSA approved leagues, TSSA approved tournaments, TSL, and TN State Cup. TSSA has a zero-tolerance policy for discrimination or harassment against anyone based upon their race, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, age, physical or mental disabilities.

Please note asterisks * are used in place of letters to prevent using the actual word in print. It is assumed the word can be determined with the remaining letters in place.

Banned Terms (non-exhaustive)			
B*tty Boy	Be*ner	Black Boy	F*g
C*nt	Ch*nk	Cr*cker	Mar*con
F*ggot	H*mo	Jewb*y	P*ssy
Monkey	N*gga/N*gger	N*gro	Sp*c
P*to	Rag He*d	Sl*nt	White Boy
R*tarted	G*y	Wetb*ck	D*ck

The minimal Disciplinary Suspension regarding Banned Terms is 3-matches. The TSSA Disciplinary and Appeals Committee does have the ability to rule higher than the minimum given the circumstances of the usage.

If an incident occurs **(word or words directs at an individual in English or another language)** during a TSSA match, the referee should be notified. The Referee should then record the incident in the match report and caution the offender (Red Card). The TSSA Discipline and Appeals Committee will begin an investigation, and possible hearing. Any players found to have used a Banned Term will be sanctioned a minimum 3-match suspension.

If an incident occurs in training, the club is required to report the incident to the Club Leadership to report to TSSA. Any players found to have used a Banned Term will be sanctioned a minimum 3-match suspension.

The 3-match suspension applies to the very next TSSA matches only. Clubs are free to suspend the player from practices as well. The club can also provide sensitivity training for the player of the team, if desired.

TSSA recommends that clubs review the Banned Terms carefully with players and parents at the start of the season, ahead of competitions, and reinforce periodically throughout the season. Players and families should be informed of the policy and the sanctions for using this language.