**South Wales Women’s League**

**Disciplinary Card System**

**2018/2019**

With effect September 1st, 2018, the SWWL will enforce a new ‘Totting up’ system for Disciplinary cards issued in SWWL matches

Disciplinary standards have dropped dramatically in the last few years.

The number of cards issued has been increasing every season. It is also apparent that some cards are given but not recorded on the team sheets

During the recent SWWL Clubs meeting, it was agreed that action must be taken to raise the disciplinary levels throughout the league.

The SWWL Committee has considered many options and have decided that a ‘Totting up’ system is the most effective way of penalising persistent offenders

The system would operate as follows

Points for every card issued would be recorded by the SWWL

* GREEN cards would carry a ONE-point penalty
* YELLOW cards would carry a THREE-point penalty

ALL green cards count as ONE point irrespective of the reason of issue

ALL yellow cards count as THREE points irrespective of the reason of issue

If a player receives over SIX points, then they will be suspended from playing in their clubs next TWO scheduled SWWL matches

The system will operate for the complete season so if a player who has already been suspended earlier in the season, reoffends and receives additional cards after their suspension, bringing their total to more than TEN points, then that player would be suspended for a further TWO matches and her team will be deducted ONE point.

RED cards would continue to be governed by the Hockey Wales Disciplinary Code