

Misconduct by Players Dealt with by the Amateur Football Alliance

The following is a summary of recommended punishments for misconduct occurring before, during or after Matches by Players of Clubs dealt with by a County Football Association (such as the Amateur Football Alliance). These do not apply for Teams playing at Step 6 or above of the National League System and the FA Women's Premier League. For full details, please refer to the Football Association Handbook.

Recommended Punishments - Cautions (Law 12)

	<u>Club Pts</u>	<u>Suspension</u>	<u>Fine</u>
Unsporting Behaviour	}	1	none
Dissent by word or action			
Persistently Infringe the Laws of the Game			
Delay the restart of play			
Fail to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick or free kick or throw in			
Enter or re-enter the field of play without the permission of the Referee			
Deliberately leave the field of play without the permission of the Referee			

Recommended Punishments - Sending Off Offences

	<u>Club Pts</u>	<u>Suspension</u>	<u>Fine</u>
(a) Serious foul play	3	21 days	£15
(b) Violent Conduct	4	35 days	£25
(c) Attempting to kick or strike another player	3	21 days	£15
(d) Kicking or striking another player	4	35 days	£25
(e) Violent Head to head butting	7	112 days	£75
(f) Attempting to head butt	3	21 days	£15
(g) Head to head contact	4	42 days	£30
(h) Spitting or similar unseemly behaviour directed at an opponent or any other person (not at a match official)	4	112 days	£50
(i) Denying a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by physical means or by deliberately handling the ball	2	7 days	£15
(j) Use of offensive or insulting or abusive language/gestures	2	14 days	£15
(k) Use of offensive or insulting or abusive language or gestures directed at match officials	4	35 days	£25
(l) Receiving a second caution in the same match	2	7 days	£15

Recommended Punishments following Charges under FA Rules E3 and E4

(a) Refusing to give name or giving a false name to the referee when ordered to do so	4	21 days	£30
(b) Refusing to leave the Field of Play when ordered to do so	4	42 days	£30
(c) and/or causing the match to be abandoned	5	112 days	£75
(d) causing the match to be abandoned (Club Charge)	5		£50
(e) Improper or insulting behaviour towards match officials	5	112 days	£75

Recommended Ranges of Additional Punishments for Offences under Rule E3 or E4

(a) Not acting in the best interests of the game.	}	var	<i>Punishment at the discretion of a Disciplinary Committee</i>
(b) Acting in a manner that is deemed to be improper.			
(c) Bringing the game into disrepute.	}	var	<i>Each a minimum of 35 days up to a maximum of 84 days</i> £75
(d) Violent conduct or serious foul play - considered to be of a serious nature.			
(e) Use of threatening words/gestures.			
(f) Threatening and insulting behaviour.	}	var	<i>Each a minimum of 21 days up to a maximum of 56 days</i> £50
(g) Use of abusive words/gestures - considered to be mid-range.			
(h) Abusive behaviour.			
(i) Use of indecent words/gestures.			
(j) Indecent behaviour.	}	var	<i>Each a minimum of 7 days up to a maximum of 28 days</i> £30
(k) Use of insulting words/gestures - considered to be less serious.			
(l) For offences (e), (g), (i) and (k) above, in which a racist factor has been accepted or proved		var	<i>For the first offence - the suspension to be doubled and for a second offence trebled. Any subsequent offence proved should result in a substantial period of suspension from all football and football activities together with a fine of not less than £200.00</i>

Offences under FA Rule E4

Proved guilty of any of the above offences and also to have acted in a discriminatory manner by reason of:

(a) Colour	}	var	<i>Any punishment to be imposed for an action that is proved to be of a discriminatory nature must be at the discretion of the Commission dealing with the matter.</i>
(b) Disability			
(c) Ethnic Origin			
(d) Nationality			
(e) Race			
(f) Religion			
(g) Sex			
(h) Sexual Orientation			

Continuing Misconduct

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| (a) First five cautions (i.e. accumulating five cautions in a season) | 7 days | £10 |
| (b) After five further cautions | 7 days | £10 |
| (c) After five further cautions | Charge of continuing misconduct | |
| (d) 2 sending offs and/or breach of FA Rules (E3 and/or E4) in the same season in different matches | 7 days | £15 |
| (e) 3 sending offs and/or breach of FA Rules (E3 and/or E4) in the same season in different matches | 14 days or charge with Continuing Misconduct and instruct to appear before a commission | £20 |
| (f) 4 sending offs and/or breach of FA Rules (E3 and/or E4) in the same season in different matches | charge with Continuing Misconduct and instruct to appear before a commission | |

Assaults on match officials

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| (a) (i) Common assault | 182 days suspension plus £150 fine |
| (a) (ii) Common assault by way of spitting at or on a Match Official | 1 years suspension plus fine |
| (b) Assault causing or attempting to cause bodily harm | Sine die suspension with no review to be considered under a period of 5 years plus £250 fine |
| (c) Assault causing serious bodily harm | Permanent suspension |

Assaults by Participants on other Participants

Offender

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| (a) Player | A suspension for a minimum of 140 days plus £150 fine for a first offence but, depending on severity, sine die with no review for five years |
| (b) Club Official | As for (a) above, but (i) if on a player or other official but not a match official; suspension from all football and football activities; (ii) if on a Match Official - assault section as above applies. |
| (c) Match Official | As for Match Officials assaulted by a Player, but a recommendation will be made the relevant Referees' Committee that the registration be removed and no request for reinstatement will be allowed until the suspension has been completed or removed. |