



DISCIPLINE – ON LINE SYSTEM

Procedure – Implementation & Guidance

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Procedure – Discipline Offences

From the commencement of season 2015/16 an online Disciplinary System will be introduced.

The Match Referee will be responsible for inputting **all** match details confirming team lineups, including players names and ID numbers and **all** disciplinary details arising from the game.

The players / officials via their club can access details on the Club Admin System (the day following the game) of any disciplinary action taken by the referee.

The previous underlying principle that, other than for double cautions and “denying a goalscoring opportunity” offences, a suspension will be incurred and will start on the 6th day after the offence unless an appeal is lodged within the prescribed period.

The system will apply to all Junior games.

Offences / Procedure

A1 Serious Foul Play

A2 Violent Conduct

A3 Spitting at an Opponent or Any Other Person

A4 Denying the Opposing Team or an Opponent a goal or an Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunity as Defined by Law 12

A5 Offensive, Insulting or Abusive Language and/or Gestures

A6 Receiving a Second Caution in the Same Match

The Referee will complete online showing :

- The Player's number – the player's name – the offence number**
- The Official – name & position with club access details**

The Player/Official, etc. has 5 days to appeal, otherwise the suspension will automatically commence for the next game after the appeal period. This appeal should be sent to the Discipline Secretary, accompanied by a £10 (ten pound) fee.

The Region/Association/Club can access a full report via the Club Admin System. On receipt of an appeal the automatic suspension will be lifted. Such appeal will be heard by the appropriate Regional Committee. If upheld, the sending off will be quashed and the appeal fee returned to the Player/Official.

Should the appeal be dismissed, the Committee will deal with the Player/Official on the merits of the incident and the appropriate fine and/or suspension would become effective immediately, the appeal fee being retained. The further right of appeal to the SJFA still being available.

NB Appeals considered to be of a frivolous nature or an attempt to circumvent the discipline procedure may be dealt with by way of an additional suspension. In these circumstances the applicant may also be responsible for the cost, or part thereof, of convening the meeting.

Fixed Penalties

1 Serious Foul Play	2 games+£15 fine
2 Violent Conduct	
a) Punching an opponent/attempting	3 games+£20 fine
b) Kick an opponent/attempting	2 games+£15 fine
c) Pushing an opponent/attempting	2 games+£10 fine
d) Elbowing an opponent/attempting	3 games+£20 fine
e) Head butting an opponent/attempting	3 games+£20 fine
f) Stamping on opponent/attempting	3 games+£20 fine
g) Others	2 games+£10 fine
3 Spitting at an Opponent or Any Other Person	3 games+£20 fine
4 Denying the Opposing Team or an Opponent a goal or an Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunity as Defined by Law 12	£10 fine
5 Offensive, Insulting or Abusive Language and/or Gestures	1 game+£10 fine
6 Receiving a Second Caution in the Same Match	Fine – see below

Cautionable offences

- Domestic Cup Tie £4 fine per caution (£8 per double caution)
- Scottish Junior Cup £10 fine per caution (£20 per double caution)
- League Games – Cautions 1 or 2 Points

10 Penalty Points	£10 fine
18 Penalty Points	2 games+£10 fine
24 Penalty Points	4 games+£15 fine
28 Penalty Points	to be dealt with by Regional Committee

When a player reaches the penalty point threshold which carries a suspension (i.e. 18 & 24), the suspensions will commence 8 days following the date of the caution which results in the threshold being reached.

Technical/Coaching Staff & Officials who are removed from the Technical Area or reported by a Match Official shall be automatically fined £50 subject to the right of appeal. In the event of a second offence being committed that season, a fine of £100 + 6 game ban will apply. If the offence is of a serious nature, the Committee will reserve the right to increase the punishment to reflect the seriousness of the offence.

Guidance Notes

- Suspensions run consecutively with and supplementary to both Regional/Inter Regional and National censures.
- It is the responsibility of the club to ensure the player / Official etc. complies with the ordering off system.
- All fines must be paid within 7 days of the game. N.B. The club must, within 7 days, remit to the SJFA Secretary the appropriate amount. **Failure to do so will result in the outstanding fine being doubled.** N.B. No reminder will be issued and the clubs are responsible for obtaining the caution form from the Match Official.
- Players reported for “off the field” offences will be dealt with as previously by the Committee.
- Serious offences to be dealt with on their merit by the Committee.
- Any player who accumulates 3 Red Cards during the season resulting in suspensions, will have subsequent suspensions and fines doubled.