



# **MATCH BASED DISCIPLINE**

## **KEY POINTS**

- Season 2012/2013 all football will receive match based suspensions i.e. Saturday, Sunday, Midweek, Youth, Schools, Veterans and representative football.
- Small sided football will remain time based (days).

### **STANDARD CHARGES (RED CARDS)**

- If you have a player sent off it is a FACT the player will be suspended **21 days** after the date of the game, Even if you do not receive paperwork from the County.
- If a player is **sent off on a Saturday** in open aged football the suspension will be from Saturday type football only. **The player can still play Sundays, Youth and any other type.**
- If a player is **sent off on a Sunday** in open aged football the suspension will be from Sunday type football only. **The player can still play Saturdays, youth and any other type.**
- If a player is **sent off in youth football**, the suspension will be from youth type football only. The player **can still play Schools, open aged and any other type football.**
- Qualifying matches for a suspension can only be for the **team** whom the player was playing for at the time they were sent off. e.g. if the player was sent off for the 1<sup>st</sup> team, the matches that qualify for the suspension are the 1<sup>st</sup> team matches, not the reserves or U18's etc.
- Claims of wrongful dismissal must be notified to the County office within **1 working day of the fixture.**
- A DVD/Video showing the full incident leading to the dismissal together with the appeal fee and written reasons for the claim of wrongful dismissal must be with the county office within **3 working days of the fixture.**
- Time limits for a claim are strict, claims received late will not be considered. If there is no DVD/Video footage a claim for wrongful dismissal **CANNOT** be made.
- The DVD/Video **MUST** show the match official made a serious and obvious error.
- A dismissal from the field of play for **S6** (using offensive and/or insulting and/or abusive language and/or gestures) or **S7** (receiving a 2<sup>nd</sup> caution in the same match) **is not within the criteria for a claim of wrongful dismissal.**



## **MISCONDUCT CHARGES**

- Misconduct charges are offences that do not fall under the standard dismissal offences, serious offences, or offences committed after the player is dismissed from the field of play.
- Punishments for **serious** offences will be set as days, not matches.
- If a player receives a misconduct charge and it is found proven, the player will be suspended from **ALL football** until the team he was playing for when the offence was committed serves the qualifying amount of fixtures imposed. e.g. if the player receives a 3 match ban for a misconduct charge the player **cannot play any type football on ANY day** until the suspension has been served.

## **OTHER**

- If a player receives a set number of cautions (5, 10, 15 etc) during the qualifying period they will receive a suspension, this will commence 21 days from the date of the fixture the 5,10,15 caution was received, **even if you have not received notification from your county.**
- If a player received 5 cautions on a Saturday they will be suspended from Saturday football only. If a player received 5 cautions on a Sunday they will be suspended from Sunday football only. If a player received 5 cautions in youth football, the player will be suspended from youth football only.
- If a player receives 2 cautions on a Saturday and 3 cautions on a Sunday the player will not be suspended as they have not received 5 cautions for the same type of football. The caution count is also categorised between clubs outside the National League System and those between steps 5-7.
- Players who are dismissed from the field of play for a 2<sup>nd</sup> time in the same season , in addition to the automatic suspension applicable to the offence , will be suspended for 1 extra match, a 3<sup>rd</sup> time in a season, 2 extra matches and so on.
- If there are not enough fixtures left in a season to complete a suspension the player is free from suspension between the last qualifying fixture of the season and the opening qualifying fixture of the new season.
- **NON RECEIPT OF PAPERWORK IS NOT A VALID DEFENCE WHERE A CHARGE IS ISSUED FOR PLAYING WHILST UNDER SUSPENSION. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO A DISCIPLINE INCIDENT WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE FIXTURE IT IS THE CLUBS REPSONSIBILITY TO CONTACT THE COUNTY OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.**