

FAQs Match Based Discipline

If a Player plays on a Saturday and a Sunday does the suspension affect both, even if the Saturday side is Match Based?

If a Player is sent off playing Saturdays and receives a Match Based suspension, that individual is suspended from Saturday type football only. The Player will be able to play on Sunday's while the suspension is in place, and vice versa if the Player was to be sent off on a Sunday.

If a Player receives a Misconduct Charge, and a punishment is imposed the Player will be suspended from ALL football, until the team he was playing for at the time of receiving the charge has completed the necessary qualifying matches for the suspension to be completed.

If a Club operates two teams, 'First' and 'Reserves', a First team Player plays in the Reserves and receives a Sending Off, what team does he/she serve the suspension for?

All suspensions are to be served for the team the Player was sent off playing for at the time. If the Player is sent off for the Reserves, he/she is not able to play that type of football (including the First Team) until the Reserves have completed the required number of fixtures.

If a Player receives a caution on a Saturday and Sunday, are they added together as a total or they kept separate?

For a Player to reach five cautions these must have been received from the same type of football, therefore as an example a Player must be cautioned five times on a Saturday to receive a suspension. If a Player receives three cautions on a Saturday and two on a Sunday this will not result in the Player being suspended.

At the end of a Season a team has no more qualifying matches for a Player to serve the remainder of his/her suspension, does the suspension get lifted?

The individual must serve the suspension for the team that they were sent off playing for, if that team has no more qualifying matches that would count towards the suspension, the suspension would be lifted and carried over to the following season, and the suspension would commence from the date of the first qualifying match for that team.

A Player has joined us from another Club but has a suspension, can that suspension be served at the Club the Player has now joined?

If a Player has joined a new Club and has a suspension outstanding, that suspension can be served for the new Club on the following conditions; The team the Player was sent off for must be under the same discipline regulations as the one they have joined and the County Association must be satisfied with the transfer of the discipline suspension to the new Club.

A Player is serving a Match Based suspension after being Sent Off from Sunday Football only, the Player still has fixtures to serve as a suspension from Sunday football but a Misconduct charge has now come into effect. What happens with the suspension of the Player?

Using an example, a Player is sent off, receiving a three match suspension and has served two matches, with one remaining. The Player was charged with Misconduct and a further three matches imposed from ALL football (due to it being a Misconduct Charge). The Player will serve the remaining suspension for the Standard Charge, and once completed will serve the suspension from the Misconduct case, which is from all football.

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FAQs General

How much is the Administration Fee?

The Administration Fee is £10.00

A Player received a Sending Off and a Misconduct Charge but there is only one Administration Fee?

If in the same game there is a need to raise two charges from the same report only one administration fee shall be included on the response forms. Therefore should you have a charge with no fee you still must respond to the County Association for this to be dealt with by a Discipline Commission.

There was an incident in the game, the Club are refusing to provide a name or don't know who it is. What should we do?

It is the Clubs responsibility to provide the name of the individual. The County will write to the Club and give them seven days to provide the Players details, should they not be forthcoming they shall be suspended from all football until the name of the individual required is provided.

Parents Refereeing a fixture and discipline occurred in the game, are we able to receive discipline from that game if he is unregistered or not a qualified Referee?

A person acting in the capacity of Referee on a Match Day has the same powers and duties of those that are registered officials. Therefore should any discipline sanctions be imposed on the day a report must be submitted to the local County Football Association for the appropriate charges to be raised.

If a Player is sent off or cautioned, who is liable for the Fine/Administration Fee?

If the Player is in youth football the Club are liable for the fees. If the fine is attributed to the Player in open aged football it would be their responsibility to pay the fine, but the Club also are responsible to ensure this does get paid in the first instance.

If a Club plays a Player who is suspended, do we receive a charge from the County?

Yes. It is the Club's responsibility to ensure that Players that play are not under any suspensions

What happens if a Referee or Club are unable to make a Hearing which has to be dealt with within 28 days?

If the County FA has a case that needs to be dealt with within 28 days, a phone call prior to sending out the paperwork to those that are required to attend informing them of a date(s) that the hearing could take place on. The paperwork will then be sent with the information confirming the details of the hearing.

A Player has a suspension from Adult football (match based) but also plays in a youth league, is the Player able to participate in the Youth football while serving the suspension from open aged football?

If the Player has a suspension from being sent off, and therefore the suspension is from Saturday/Sunday type football only, during this time period the Player would be permitted to play in Youth football. If the Player however was suspended for receiving a Misconduct charge, this is from all football so the Player would not be able to participate.