**Football Services Guides**

**Claims for Wrongful Dismissal**

***What is it?***

Clubs can appeal certain red cards on the basis of wrongful dismissal.

***What can be appealed?***

All red cards with the exception of those for use of offensive or insulting or abusive language/gestures (S6) and receiving a second caution in a game (S7). For an appeal to be successful, you must prove that the referee **made an obvious error** in sending the player off.

***How can the claim be lodged?***

Claims can be lodged through the Whole Game System, by clicking “Lodge Claim” in the case page, or by contacting the Amateur FA offices.

***When do we need to lodge the claim?***

The club must lodge their *intent to claim* within **two working days** of the game and submit all evidence, along with the appeal fee (£50 Steps 5-7, £30 non-NLS) within **four working days** of the game. Video evidence must be submitted if available.

***Please note these time lines are from the date of the game, not the date the notification is received*:**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Date of game | Intent to claim submitted | Evidence submitted |
| Saturday | Tuesday | Thursday |
| Sunday | Tuesday | Thursday |
| Monday | Wednesday | Friday |
| Tuesday | Thursday | Monday |
| Wednesday | Friday | Tuesday |
| Thursday | Monday | Wednesday |
| Friday | Tuesday | Thursday |

If you think a referee made a mistake in sending a player off, we recommend you contact the Football Services team immediately!

***What happens next?***

The referee report and all evidence submitted by the club will be passed to a County Disciplinary Commission within eight working days of the match, or before an automatic penalty is due to start. **The player, club and referee are not invited to attend the hearing**. You will be notified of the outcome of the appeal immediately following the hearing.

***What happens if the claim is successful?***

If the red card is overturned, the punishment will be withdrawn and the appeal fee returned.

***Where I can find out more information?***

The full regulations relating to Claims for Wrongful Dismissals can be found on pages 417-418 of [The FA Handbook](http://www.thefa.com/~/meddia/files/thefaportal/governance-docs/rules-of-the-association/2016-17/fa-complete-handbook-2016.ashx) or you can contact the Football Services team on 0208 733 2613