

Claims for Wrongful Dismissal (Red Cards)

What are they?

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

What can be appealed?

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. **Personal opinion is not sufficient for claim evidence.**

How can the claim be lodged?

Claims should be lodged through the Whole Game System, by clicking "Lodge Claim" in the case page - a guide to doing this can be found here: <https://grassrootstechnology.freshdesk.com/support/solutions/articles/48001173674-adding-a-claim-for-wrongful-dismissal-on-whole-game-system>

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 (£30 non-NLS) by **5pm of the fourth working day** 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:***

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 email discipline@amateur-fa.com immediately, you should not wait for the red card to be on the Whole Game System.

What happens next?

All evidence submitted by the club will be passed to an Independent Disciplinary Commission to hear before the automatic penalty is due to start. **The County itself does not hear the appeal.** 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If the red card is overturned, the punishment will be withdrawn and the appeal fee returned.

What happens if the claim is unsuccessful?

If the appeal is dismissed, the appeal fee is retained by the County.

Where I can find out more information?

Please see the FA's Grassroots Disciplinary Guide, pages 17-19 - link here: <https://en.calameo.com/read/0012302350a12fb961b0a?authid=jqdy6WLsm4nO>