## NORFOLK COUNTY FA – DISCIPLINE GUIDE





## WRONGFUL DISMISSAL

A wrongful dismissal claim can be made by a club if they feel that a red card has been incorrectly awarded.

- A successful claim must demonstrate that the match official made an **obvious error** in dismissing the player from the field of play.
- Dismissals for foul & abusive language or two cautionable offences cannot be appealed through wrongful dismissal.
- Video evidence is not required as part of the evidence but must be provided if available.
- A successful claim will have the sanction removed, and the appeal fee returned to the club. The case details will remain on the player's offence history.

## **MISTAKEN IDENTITY**

A mistaken identity claim can be made by a club if they feel that a caution or red card has been reported under the wrong name. The club must:

- Provide the correct name to Norfolk FA
- Provide any supporting evidence along with the appeal fee within 3 working days of the match.
- If a claim is successful the appeal fee will be returned and the suspension/fine will be removed and transferred to the correct player

## **APPEAL PROCESS**

The table below outlines the deadlines to abide by in order to complete an appeal.

Day of Dismissal	Notification to the County FA of your intention to Appeal by 5pm	Relevant Appeal fee, video if available and any other correspondence to be received by 5pm
Saturday	Tuesday	Thursday
Sunday	Tuesday	Thursday
Monday	Wednesday	Friday
Tuesday	Thursday	Monday
Wednesday	Friday	Tuesday
Thursday	Monday	Wednesday
Friday	Tuesday	Thursday

- The appeal fees are as follows:
  - £50 (Step 5-7 of the National League System)
  - £30 (Outside National League System & Youth)
- If a Bank Holiday falls in the period, the appropriate number of additional days will be made available
- The appeal will always be heard before any suspension commences
- Late or incomplete claims will not be considered

