



The FA Charter Standard Club Programme

Club Discipline

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Discipline – how it works

- Each club has a discipline threshold dependant on the number of teams in the club
- There are 3 stages to the discipline process
- Associations may make allowances in the number of teams that a Club is deemed to have for Aggregate Misconduct, to reflect Clubs whose disciplinary cases are handled by The Football Association. This is to prevent such Clubs gaining an unfair advantage.

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Recommended Points Allowance per Club per Season:

Teams Stage	1	2	3	4	5	Add Team
1	25	48	69	88	105	20
2	50	96	138	176	210	40
3	75	144	207	264	315	60

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County FA variations in Club Thresholds

- Associations may make allowances and set club thresholds based on the number of mini soccer, youth and adult teams the club has e.g. agree that each mini soccer team will add only 5 points to the Club's disciplinary threshold as opposed to 20 for each mini-soccer team

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Club Discipline – 3 stage process

Stage 1

- Clubs will be invited to attend a County FA Charter Standard Working Party (CSWP) on passing the points threshold for stage 1 as identified and/or on being found guilty of two Club charges.
- The Club will be asked what they have done to improve discipline. At this stage the CSWP - if the Club has not already done so - will support the Club to develop an action plan to improve discipline.
- County FAs are asked to recognise that some Clubs are considerably larger than others when using the Club charges.

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Discipline – 3 stage process

Stage 2

- Clubs will be called in front of County FA Charter Standard Working Party (CSWP) on passing the points threshold for stage 2 as identified and/or on being found guilty of four Club charges.
- At this stage the CSWP can suspend the Club's FA Charter Standard status for between 3-12 months. The County FA would provide the Club with an action plan and review dates.
- County FAs are asked to recognise that some Clubs are considerably larger than others when using the Club charges.

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Club Discipline – 3 stage process

Stage 3

- Stage 3 is reached when a Club achieves or exceeds the points threshold for stage 3 as identified and/or when they have been found guilty of six Club charges.
- When Stage 3 is reached the Club would automatically lose its FA Charter Standard status and would not be allowed to reapply for at least 12 months
- CFAs are asked to recognise that some Clubs are considerably larger than others when using the Club charges.