

Amateur FA Football Services Guides



Continuing Misconduct Charges

What are they?

Clubs can be charged with misconduct for continuing poor behaviour by their teams and players throughout the season.

Respect Sanctions - R06/R10/R15/R20

The accumulation of the following offences will lead to clubs being charged under the FA Respect Code:

Yellow cards for dissent ~ Red cards for abusive language ~ Any proven misconduct charge

Stage One	6 offences	Warned as to future conduct*	
Stage Two	10 offences	Step 5	£150 fine*
		Step 6 and 7	£75 fine*
		Outside NLS/Youth	£50 fine*
Stage Three	15 offences	Double stage two fine*	
Stage Four	20 offences	Misconduct charge under FA Rule E20*	

* each stage also includes a £15 administration fee

Multiplayer misconduct charges

Teams will incur an additional charge for having six or more players cautioned or sent off in one game:

	1 st instance	2 nd instance	3 rd instance	4 th instance
Steps 5 & 6	£150	£300	£450	£600
Step 7	£75	£150	£225	£300
Outside NLS	Warning	£25	£50	£75

Automatic Charges under FA Rule E20

Clubs will be charged under FA Rule E20 for accumulation of the following charges:

1. **Any individual team reaching 75 disciplinary points (see table on next page)**
2. **Four or more proven incidents of violent conduct across all teams within the club**
(Includes: Red cards or misconduct charges for violent conduct, misconduct charges for assault and misconduct charges for physical contact on a match official)
3. **Proven misconduct charges across all teams relating to the abandonment of two games**
4. **Two or more charges against any player for aggravated breaches of FA regulations**

Please note the same offence can count towards multiple E20 charges under these regulations!

Can I Appeal Against the Charges?

Clubs will be asked to respond to misconduct charges raised under FA Rule E20, and are entitled request a personal hearing should they wish to lodge a verbal plea for mitigation or deny the charge in person. All other cases will be dealt with by correspondence. The decision made by a disciplinary commission can be appealed under the usual FA Appeal Procedures.

Disciplinary Points

Each caution, red card and misconduct charge carries disciplinary points as follows:

Cautions

- Dissent (including Sin Bin cautions) 2 points
- All other cautions 1 point

Red Cards

- S1 - Serious Foul Play 5 points
- S2 - Violent Conduct 6 points
- S3 - Spitting 7 points
- S4 - Denial of an Obvious Goal scoring Opportunity (Handball) 3 points
- S5 - Denial of an Obvious Goal scoring Opportunity(Foul Tackle) 3 points
- S6 - Abusive, Insulting or Offensive Language/Behaviour 4 points
- S7 - Second yellow card 3 points

Misconduct Charges

- All proven cases 5 points
(Subject to any increase by the Discipline Commission)