

Claims for Mistaken Identity

What is it?

Clubs can appeal red and yellow cards on the basis of mistaken identity.

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 Berks & Bucks FA office.

When do we need to lodge the claim?

The club and both players must submit written statements and any evidence, along with the relevant fee (£50 Steps 5-7, £30 non-NLS) within **three working days of the game - not the date the card notification is received:**

Date of game	Claim submitted
Saturday	Wednesday
Sunday	Wednesday
Monday	Thursday
Tuesday	Friday
Wednesday	Monday
Thursday	Tuesday
Friday	Wednesday

We strongly urge all clubs to confirm the identities of players cautioned/sent off with a referee following a game, and notify the Football Services Team immediately if they feel a mistake has been made.

What happens next?

The referee report and all evidence submitted by the club will be passed to a County Disciplinary Commission within seven days of the game and 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 commission agree with the claim, the punishment will be transferred to the correct player.

If the commission find the claim to be unfounded, they may retain the fee and can charge additional costs associated with the scheduling of the hearing.

Where I can find out more information?

The full regulations relating to Claims for Mistaken Identity can be found on page 417 of [The FA Handbook](#) or you can contact the Football Services team on 01235 544890 or at Discipline@Berks-BucksFA.com.