

Claims for Wrongful Dismissal

What are they?

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

What can be appealed?

All 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.

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 offices.

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 (£50 Steps 5-7, £30 non-NLS) within **four working days** 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 contact the Football Services team immediately!

What happens next?

The referee report and all evidence submitted by the club will be passed to a County Disciplinary Commission before the 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If the red card is overturned, the punishment will be withdrawn and the appeal fee returned.

Where I can find out more information?

The full regulations relating to Claims for Wrongful Dismissals can be found on pages 170-172 of [The FA Handbook](#) or you can contact the Football Services team on 01235 544890 or at Discipline@Berks-BucksFA.com.