

Durham County Football Association Ltd



President: Mel Spedding.
Company Secretary: John C. Topping.

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RE: Discipline / Misconduct

Dear Secretary,

We have had an increase in charges relating to players playing under suspension and clubs playing those players whilst under suspension and this has resulted in clubs being deducted points and, in some cases, removed from cup competitions.

FA Rules state that suspension will commence 7 days from the date of the dismissal regardless of if the club is in possession or not of the referee's report.

Should a referee not submit their report in the stipulated time investigations will commence and if necessary, the referee will be reported to the Referee Committee which may impose fine / suspension on that match official. Once a referee takes disciplinary action, they MUST report it to the County FA.

We receive contact from many people within the game as well as from some who do not participate informing us that disciplinary action has been taken and we can assure that if this is not reported by the club or referee action will be taken.

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