



Claims for Wrongful Dismissal

When a player has been sent off in a match but claim the dismissal was wrongful the player and their club may make a claim for wrongful dismissal in order to demonstrate that the decision was wrong, and ***the Referee made an obvious error in dismissing the player.***

The Claim must be submitted in accordance with the process and timescales below: -

- DO NOT WAIT TO RECEIVE THE CHARGE FROM THE COUNTY FA AS YOU WILL MORE THAN LIKELY BE OUT OF TIME FOR ANY CLAIM.
- A Claim for Wrongful Dismissal is a Claim that the Referee made an Obvious Error in sending the player off and not what the referee submits as his report.
- A club/player may make a claim for Wrongful Dismissal on any sending off except where the player is sent off for i) receiving a second caution in the same match or ii) using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures.
- Upon receipt of a Wrongful Dismissal Claim the Association will determine if it complies with the requirements and timescales as detailed.
- An accepted claim for Wrongful Dismissal will be placed before an Association Disciplinary Commission as soon as possible but no later than the date upon which an automatic suspension is due to start.
- After considering the evidence the Disciplinary Commission will decide if the claim is rejected or successful. A Claim will only be successful where the club /player have demonstrated the Referee made an obvious error in dismissing the player.
- If the Claim is successful, the automatic suspension will be withdrawn, and any fee paid returned to the club/player. If the Claim is unsuccessful any fee paid is non-returnable.



Making a Claim

- When a player is dismissed, and the club/player intend to make a claim for a Wrongful Dismissal they must notify the County Association of their intention to claim by email to either discipline@lincolnshirefa.com hayley.cain@lincolnshirefa.com or alistair.hayes@lincolnshirefa.com by 5pm on the second business day following the incident. Or via the clubs Whole game Portal.
- After submitting an intention to claim the club/player need to submit to the Association the following by the fourth business day following the incident-
 - i) Written submissions upon which the claim is founded.
 - ii) Any evidence to support the claim this must include video footage if available. If not available a claim can still be submitted.
 - iii) The relevant fee of £30 (outside National League System) or £50 (Step 5-7 of National League System).

	<u>Timings</u>	<u>General Guide</u>
Notification of Intention to Submit a Claim	5pm on second Business day following the incident	Tuesday
Claim Evidence	5pm on fourth Business day following the incident	Thursday
Disciplinary Commission	To be determined prior to the suspension being served	Friday

Fees

Step 5-7 of National League System	£50.00
Outside of the National League System	£30.00