

GUIDE TO FA DISCIPLINE HEARINGS



Referees report comes through WGS to FA

If grounds - INDIVIDUAL CHARGED WITH MISCONDUCT

Discipline Officer issues charge and emails it to club secretary. Charge letter includes, if applicable, copy of referee's report



IF PLEAD GUILTY

Individual has 2 weeks to respond to charge

IF PLEAD NOT GUILTY



A decision is usually made the same day and uploaded to WGS the following day, along with the sanction as decided by the panel

SANCTIONS

Depending on the severity of the charge, these range from verbal warnings to fines, suspensions - up to the most severe infringements, a 10 year ban from all football

APPEALS

The individual charged is entitled to appeal, but only on certain grounds.

These are: that the County FA has not followed due process; that the sanction is excessive

Appeals cost a non-refundable fee of £50

Sanctions may still apply while the appeal is being dealt with by The FA

U14s cannot attend disciplinary hearings. Referees or witnesses aged between 14 and 18 can only be spoken to by the Chair of the hearing. No other parties are allowed to address them personally