



**ENGLAND
FOOTBALL**

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE FA

COMPLETION OF FIXTURES AND ABANDONED GAMES

IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS WITH A MATCH WHICH IS IN PROGRESS, THERE ARE STEPS WHICH YOU CAN TAKE TO OVERCOME THESE CONCERNS:

- Get the attention of the Match Official and make them aware of your concerns
- Politely ask the opposition Manager if they can help to combat the issues which you are concerned with

IMPORTANT NOTES REGARDING ABANDONED MATCHES:

- Matches that are not completed in full (abandoned/postponed etc) do not count towards outstanding suspensions as "suspension matches". Only games which are played and completed in full do.
- When investigating abandoned matches, the County FA only have 28 days from the date on which the match was played to investigate, charge, hear and complete any cases. Due to this, it is highly likely that timeframes given to Clubs for response will be much shorter than if a match had not been abandoned.
- When a case is charged which relates to a non-abandoned game, the charged party will have 14 days to submit their response. If a match is abandoned, charge response times are cut to 7 days.

ONCE ABANDONED MATCHES ARE DEALT WITH VIA COUNTY FA CHARGES AND HEARINGS (THE BELOW RULINGS ARE TAKEN FROM SCOR/SCORY SO LEAGUES WILL HAVE INDIVIDUAL OUTCOMES FOR THE [] SECTIONS):

- The League will have the opportunity to deal with the match in question, by reviewing the competition rules, especially Rule 20 (E) (iii) and (IV):
 - **20 (E) (iii)** In the event of a Competition Match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it should be played in its entirety on a date to be mutually agreed by the two Clubs and approved by the Competition. Failing such agreement and notification to the Competition within [] days the Competition shall have the power to order the Match to be played on or before a given date. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition, the Management Committee shall also be empowered to order the score at the time of an abandonment to stand. Providing gate money is taken and retained the visiting Club shall receive their actual standard class rail or bus fares or the equivalent for [] persons, or car allowance at [] p per mile for transporting [] persons, or hire charge of a coach (receipt to be submitted). The residue (if any) to be equally divided between the two Clubs after deducting the cost of advertising, printing, posting, police, and Match Officials charges. The home Club shall take the whole of the proceeds of the second Competition Match. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
 - **Rule 20 (E) (IV)** The Management Committee shall review all Competition Matches abandoned in cases where it is consequent upon the conduct of either or both Teams. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does no injustice to either Club, the Management Committee shall order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand. In all cases where the Management Committee are satisfied that a Match was abandoned owing to the conduct of one Team or its Club member(s) they shall award the points for the Match to the opponent. In cases where a Match has been abandoned owing to the conduct of both Teams or their Club member(s), the Management Committee shall rule that neither Team will be awarded any points for that Match and it shall not be replayed. No fine(s) can be applied by the Management Committee for an abandoned Match.

If you have any queries regarding abandoned matches, please email Discipline@NottinghamshireFA.com