



**ENGLAND
FOOTBALL**

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE FA

FA GRASSROOTS CHARGES: AN OVERVIEW

There are two categories of charges, aggravated and non-aggravated. Aggravated charges, along with a select few other charges, are heard by The FA Serious Cases Team, based at Wembley, with non-aggravated and non-serious charges being heard by the County FA.

Below is the list of elements included in a charge which would be categorised as serious cases:

- Reference to Ethnic Origin, Colour, Race, Nationality, Religion/Belief, Gender/Gender Reassignment, Sexual Orientation or Disability
- Assault – Participant on Participant (must include proof of injury)
- Physical Contact or Assault on a Match Official
- Threatening a Match Official

When it comes to charges raised at Grassroots Football level, there are 2 main charges: E20 (Club Charge) and E3 (Individual Charge).

Below is the full list of charges available to County FA's:

- E3 (non-aggravated individual charge): Charge not including one or more of the above elements, improper conduct charge. Categorised in many ways, including elements of violent conduct, threatening or abusive language/behaviour and targeted at Match Official or not.
- E3 (aggravated individual charge): Charge including one or more of the above elements, improper conduct charge. Categorised in many ways, including elements of violent conduct, threatening or abusive language/behaviour and targeted at Match Official or not.
- E20 (non-aggravated Club charge): Failure to ensure Players/Spectators and/or Club Officials conducted themselves in an orderly fashion, not including one or more of the above listed elements.
- E20 (aggravated Club charge): Failure to ensure Players/Spectators and/or Club Officials conducted themselves in an orderly fashion, including one or more of the above listed elements.
- E10 (Player charge): Failure to comply with a decision of the Association. The most common use of this charge is when a Player plays whilst under an active suspension.
- E12 (Club charge): Failure to comply with a decision of the Association. The most common use of this charge is when a Player plays for a Club whilst under an active suspension.
- E1(b): Failure to comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Football Association. The most common use of this charge is when a Club have conducted an illegal transfer of a Player and then played this Player in a match.
- E14 (Referee charge): Failure to report Misconduct
- E4 (Discrimination): Conducting an act which breaches the Equality Act 2010, although currently discrimination charges are more commonly raised as aggravated E3 charges by County FAs.