

FIELD OFFENCES & FAST TRACK

SECTION A

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES CONCERNING FIELD OFFENCES in First Team Competitive Matches (FTCM)

For Players and Officials of Clubs of the FA Premier League, Football League, the Football Conference National Division and The FA WSL.

Note: FTCM are matches in the following competitions: FA Challenge Cup, FA Challenge Trophy, FA Premier League, Football League, Football League Cup, Football League Trophy, the Football Conference and The FA WSL.

1. MATCH OFFICIALS' REPORTING OF OFFENCES

(a) Caution Offences

Referees must submit a report to The Association by 12 noon on the day following a match stating the offences and giving a description of the incidents.

(b) Sending Off Offences

Referees and Assistant Referees must submit a report to The Association by 12 noon on the day following a match stating the offence(s) and giving a description of the incident(s).

(c) If a referee omits to show the appropriate card when taking action against a player, this does not nullify the caution or sending off offence. However, the attention of the Referee should be drawn to the correct procedure.

2. CAUTION OFFENCES - Administration

A Player who has been cautioned in a FTCM, will be notified through his Club by The Association of:

(a) the offence reported by the Referee;

(b) the total number of cautions recorded against the Player under these procedures during the current Season; and

(c) any punishment resulting from the accumulation of these cautions. Any such punishment will take effect regardless of whether or not the notification of it from The Association is received before it is due to take effect in accordance with these Disciplinary Procedures.

An administration fee of £10.00 will be charged to the Player through the Club for the cost of processing each report.

3. SENDING OFF OFFENCES - Administration

A Player who has been sent off in a FTCM under the provisions of Law 12 will be notified through his Club by The Association of:

(a) the offence reported by the Referee;

(b) that he will be subject to the standard punishment (see Section 8). Any such punishment will take effect regardless of whether or not the notification of it from The Association is received before it is due to take effect in accordance with these Disciplinary Procedures.

An administration fee of £10.00 will be charged for the cost of processing each report.

4. MISTAKEN IDENTITY

(a) If a Player who has been cautioned or sent off in a FTCM claims that he was the victim of mistaken identity in relation to the imposition of such sanction, he may appeal to The Association. The Club on behalf of the Player must, by 1pm of the next working day

