

DISCIPLINARY REPORT

2010-2011



Please find the following facts relating to Disciplinary Cases reported and dealt with by this Association during the season 2010-2011.

I have not commented on The Football Association Respect programme.

For comparison purposes the facts are presented together with those of preceding seasons to draw your own conclusions.

Please contact me if you wish to discuss any issues arising from this report.



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**FIGURES RELATING TO TOTAL
MISCONDUCT
REPORTED**

	2010-2011	2009-2010	2008-2009	2007-2008
MISCONDUCT CHARGES DECREASE OF 116	1006	1122	1110	1005
STANDARD CHARGES DECREASE OF 42	2896	2938	2877	3065
CAUTIONS DECREASE OF 541	18891	19432	18572	18572

Committed On

	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Midweek</u>
Cautions :	5818 (6,266)	10,079 (9,896)	2994 (3,270)
Send Offs :	861 (901)	1545 (1,504)	490 (535)
Misconducts :	235 (237)	667 (647)	216 (124)

(Last season in brackets)

Caution Analysis

1st :	8153	2nd :	2156	3rd :	870	4th :	387	5th :	199
6th :	94	7th :	69	8th :	19	9th :	13	10+ :	30
Total :	19285								

ADULT PLAYERS CHARGED 2950
 CHILD/YOUTH CHARGED 416
 OFFICIALS CHARGES 197
 CLUBS CHARGED 323
 THERE ARE CASES WHERE MULTIPLE CHARGES HAVE BEEN MADE
 (THESE FIGURES DO NOT INCLUDE PLAYERS CAUTIONED)

CAUTIONS

Difference 19285-18891 = 394
 This is where the
 5th 10th or 15th caution
 becomes a misconduct charge

REPORTED ASSAULTS ON REFEREES

	2010-2011	2009-2010	2008-2009	2007-2008
TOTAL REPORTED	33	21	15	19
Category A (Reported)	28	14	9	7
11 sided (proven)	14	7	9	7
Small sided (proven)	1			0
(Classed as Common Assault -Punishment 182 days suspension plus a £150 fine)	10 proven cases of the Lesser charge of imp. conduct to Referee –£75 fine and 112days)	Lesser charges proven (5) (Pending 1)	1	3
Totally Not Proven		0	2	
Spitting (Reported)	2	4		
11 sided (proven)		3	1	3
Small sided (Classed as Common Assault Punishment - 1 year suspension plus a £150 fine)	0	(Pending 1 by a player who is also charged Cat B on same referee)		
Category ‘B’(reported)	1	3	1	4
(Classed as Assault causing or attempting to cause bodily harm Punishment- Sine Die suspension with no review for 5 years (unless specified) plus a £250 fine)	(proven)	Proven 2 (Pending (1) Player sine die until appears before a Commission		
Category ‘C’				
Classed as Assault causing serious bodily harm Punishment - Permanent suspension no review to be considered under a period of 10 year.	2 (proven) (One of these cases was by spectator on referee after game)	0	1 (by spectator on club linesman)	0

ASSAULTS ON REFEREES-POINTS OF INTEREST

It is disappointing to report this season there has been a significant rise in the number of Assaults and more so in the more serious categories. The 2 cases of the Category C were deplorable attacks. The first one was at the start of the season on a 67 year old referee in his dressing room after an Adult game, carried out by a spectator who not only punched the official in the face but then proceeded to beat him with a heavy walking stick before making his escape with his son who had been playing in the game.

The second assault was on an 18 year old referee that took place in an Adult game when a player he sent off returned, cowardly came from behind the referee and punched him in the face, causing him to be rendered unconscious, receive a severe wound to the upper lip requiring several stitches and also a nose injury. The player by the name of Altin DARDESHI from Nuneaton has vanished from his home address and is being sought by the Police.

I am also concerned regarding the reported cases of assaults and improper conduct offences being reported from minor soccer. This season has seen 5 reported assaults, 3 Category 'A' cases by players in the 14yr/15yr and 16yr age group were found to be proven. A further case was found not proven. The fifth case was against a Club Official from an U/11 year old team where the Assault was found not proven but the lesser charge of Improper conduct to a referee was proven.

What is pleasing to report is that in the majority of the proven cases, the referees provided evidence that assistance and support had been given by players and officials of the clubs.

IMPROPER INSULTING CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS A REFEREE.

Season 2008-09 saw the lowest record for this offence over 5 seasons with a total of 34 cases. Last season this had increased to 50 cases being reported. This season there has been a further increase to 52 Resulting in 112 days suspensions and £75 fines being imposed..

The majority of the following offences have been against referees by players already sent off for mainly minor offences:

MISCONDUCT CHARGES FOR THREATENING WORDS AND BEHAVIOUR.

There have been a total of 44 reported incidents resulting in an decrease of (28) from the 72 of last season,

ABUSIVE WORDS MID RANGE/LESS SERIOUS/ ABUSIVE INSULTING OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE/ GESTURES/BEHAVIOUR.

There have been a total of 208 reported incidents

INSULTING OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE TO A REFEREE. 35 days/3matches suspension

This offence has shown a slight decrease from last season total of 192 to 174

THE ABOVE CATEGORIES DO NOT RELATE TO ABUSE TOWARDS A REFEREE COMMITTED BY CLUB OFFICIALS OR SPECTATORS.

RESPECT THE REFEREE SCROLL OF DISHONOUR TO CONTINUE.

Birmingham Evening Mail will be requested to continue their Respect the referee Column and the Scroll of Dishonour for Season 2011-2012. Offending players will be named and shamed.

Birmingham County Football Association Ltd will continue to name and shame on their website and in their publications

Before registering or signing players League Secretaries and Club Secretaries will be encouraged to use the facilities of the County Administrative System Members Services and Full-Time to confirm a players status.

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RESPECT THE REF

This club calls on all players and spectators to outlaw offensive, insulting or abusive language and behaviour towards match officials

No refs, no football... imagine that!

Call the Birmingham Mail referee abuse hotline:
0121 234 5525

If you are interested in becoming a referee contact the Birmingham County FA on 0121 357 4278

WARNING A shortage of referees could harm our game

ABANDONED GAMES (Last season in brackets)

REPORTED 35 (71) CHARGED 40 (79)

There has been a decrease from **71** games abandoned last season with **79** charges against clubs or individuals to this season of :

ADULT GAMES 26 (30) (This would consist mainly of spectators and or players misconduct.)

MINOR SOCCER / YOUTH GAMES (14) (28) (This would consist mainly of club official/spectators

The reduction in abandoned games involving Minor Soccer /Youth games is no doubt the hard work of the those involved by Club Coaches/Welfare officers and their liaison with the BCFA Welfare Officer Paul Milne through the Workshops that he runs. The leagues with implementation of respect barriers. In the past many abandoned games were by club referees. The increase of affiliated referees is also a contributory factor for the reduction.

CLUB OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT

TOTAL CHARGED

203 (247)

ADULT CLUB

OFFICIAL

113 (157)

For seasons

2005 -2008

The average

reported was 166.

Then in season

2008-2009 increased

to 201

Therefore this

season it is pleasing

to see that it has

reduced to the

lowest for

5 seasons,

YOUTH CLUB

OFFICIAL

109 (96)

The misconduct by Club Officials at this level of football is still an ongoing cause for concern.

An effort was made in 2007-2008 with 64 officials being charged against 100 in the previous season. There has now been a further increase on last season to 109

MINI SOCCER

(7-10 year olds)

5 (4)

Club Officials in this category are to be praised and given credit with an increase of 1 on last years figure of 4 especially as in the Season 2008-9 24 Club Officials were charged.



CHILD/YOUTH PLAYERS MISCONDUCT

Misconduct of players participating in minor /youth football has increased for this season from 2009-2010 figure of 287 to **416** (This may be due to the increase in affiliated referees being used at this level)

The majority of the reported cases were for standard offences committed on the field of play.

This again shows that its not the players that are the problem it is parent/spectators and officials.

Maybe one day they may learn from their children that football is a game to be enjoyed.

BREAKDOWN OF THE AGE GROUPS IN WHICH CHILD/YOUTH MISCONDUCT HAS BEEN COMMITTED DURING SEASON 2010-2011

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Clubs Charged Player Misconduct</u>	<u>Clubs Charged Spectator Misconduct</u>	<u>Clubs Charged Other Forms Misconduct</u>	<u>Club Officials Managers Linesman or Other Charged</u>	<u>Players Sent Off</u>	<u>Total Charges For Age Group</u>
U/7s	0	1	0	0	0	1
U/8s	1	1	0	2	2	6
U/9s	0	2	1	2	1	6
U/10s	0	1	0	1	0	2
U/11s	1	4	0	7	5	17
U/12s	2	4	1	9	13	29
U/13s	3	9	1	12	31	56
U/14s	5	10	0	16	50	81
U/15s	2	7	2	22	92	125
U/16s	9	9	3	16	97	134
U/17s	11	0	3	10	36	60
U/18s	2	2	2	17	89	112
Age unknown						
TOTALS	36	50	13	114	416	629

MISCONDUCT BY SPECTATORS- CHARGED 77 (93)



ADULT CLUBS

Continuing

Improvement

The figures over the past 5 seasons have been as high as 56 and low as 43.

Last season the figure was an all time low of 31 clubs being charged.

For season 2010-11 it has reduced even further to 27

(This does not include abandoned games)

YOUTH CLUBS

The figures over the past 5 seasons have been as high as 83 and low as 50.

Last season there were 57 clubs charged.

For season 2010-11 there has been a reduction to 45 charges (This does not include abandoned games)

Although there has been a reduction this is still not acceptable.

MINI SOCCER

(7-10 year olds)

Continuing improvement in this category.

Two seasons ago saw a high of 24 clubs being charged. There was a dramatic drop last season of just 5 clubs being charged.

For season 2010-11 a there has been no increase remaining at 5 charges.



THINK ABOUT IT!!!!

All persons involved in Child/Youth Football should remember:

No Misconduct
No Fines.

RESULT

More funds for Club to use on equipment, training and facilities.

Clubs are responsible for the conduct of their spectators, where a club has several age groups:

THE CLUB WILL BE PUNISHED AND NOT THE INDIVIDUAL TEAM IN THE CLUB

When considering the level of punishment for proven cases :

IT WILL BE THE DISCIPLINARY RECORD OF THE CLUB AND NOT THE AGE GROUP OF THE TEAM

CLUBS WITH POOR DISCIPLINARY

RECORDS CAN EXPECT IN PROVEN CASES TO RECEIVE SUBSTANTIVE FINES THEY MAY RECEIVE PART SUSPENDED FINES WITH CONDITIONS.

CHARTERED STANDARD CHILD/YOUTH CLUBS

<http://www.birminghamfa.com/Development/CharterStandard/>

I have to report that the majority of misconduct involving Child/Youth teams **cannot** be attributed to those clubs that have obtained Chartered Standard status. Therefore the awarding of Fair Play awards and encouragement to become Chartered Standard will continue to promote good behaviour.

Out of 2822 affiliated Youth teams 1714 (60.74%) are now Chartered Standard.



14 Clubs have now gone to the next level and obtained Community Club status.



BREAKDOWN OF REPORTED DISCIPLINARY OFFENCES

	SEASON 2010-2011 (ADULT)	(CHILD/YOUTH)	(TOTAL)
ABANDONED MATCHES (35)by Players/Officials/Players or spectators	26	14	40 charged
VIOLENT CONDUCT-ASSAULT PLAYER	2	0	2
VIOLENT CONDUCT-SERIOUSASSAULT PLAYER	1	3	4
ASSAULT MATCH OFFICIAL REPORTED	28	5	33
PLAYER:PLAYING UNDER SUSPENSION	52	4	56
CLUBS :PLAYING PLAYERS U/SUSPENSION	52	4	56
CLUB:Playing under suspension or closed season	13	3	16
E20 CLUB CHARGE: OTHER MATTERS	9	13	22
E20(a) CLUB CHARGE: FAILURE TO ENSURE PLAYERS/OFFICIALS CONDUCT IN ORDERLY FASHION	45	17	62
E20(a) CLUB CHARGE: FAILURE TO ENSURE PLAYERS/OFFICIALS CONDUCT THEMSEVES IN ORDERLY FASHION WAS ORDERLY & REFRAINED FROM VIOLENT/THREATENING/PROVOCATION	23	19	42
E20(a) CLUB CHARGE: FAILURE TO ENSURE SUPPORTERS CONDUCT THEMSEVES IN ORDERLY FASHION	24	45	69
E20(b) CLUB CHARGE:FAILURE TO ENSURE NO SPECTATORS/UNAUTHORISED PERSONS ENCROACH ON PITCH	3	5	8
VIOLENT CONDUCT/SERIOUS FOUL PLAY-considered serious	22	9	31
USE OF THREATENING WORDS OR GESTURES	11	1	12
THREATENING AND INSULTING BEHAVIOUR	12	4	16
USE OF ABUSIVE WORDS/GESTURES-MID RANGE	42	4	46
USE OF ABUSIVE WORDS/GESTURES LESS SERIOUS	98	15	113
VIOLENTand/orTHREATENINGand/orABUSIVE and/orINDECENT WORDS or BEHAVIOUR	14	2	16
ABUSIVE and/or INSULTING WORDS / GESTURES/INDECENT	13	1	14
ABUSIVE and/or INSULTING WORDS and/or THREATENING WORDS/BEHAVIOUR	10	2	12
ABUSIVE and/or INSULTING WORDS and/or BEHAVIOUR	4	3	7
IMPROPER CONDUCT	104	86 adult officials	190
IMPROPER CONDUCT/BRINGING GAME INTO DISREPUTE	9	4 adult officials	13
IMPROPER CONDUCT AND ABUSIVE and/or INSULTING WORDS	23	5+(2 adult)	30
IMPROPER CONDUCT/VIOLENT CONDUCT	9	5	14
IMPROPER INSULTING CONDUCT & BEHAVIOUR TO MATCH OFFICIAL	52	10	62
MULTI PLAYER MISCONDUCT-Steps 5 /6 (£150)(£300)(£450)	9(£150)2(£300)1(£450)	n/a	12
MULTI PLAYER MISCONDUCT-Steps 7(£75)(£150)(£300)	5(£75)1(£150)	n/a	6
REFUSING TO LEAVE THE FIELD OF PLAY.	2	0	2
REFUSING TO GIVE NAME	17	3	20
SERIOUS FOUL PLAY	173	23	196
VIOLENT CONDUCT GENERAL BEHAVIOUR	108	15	123
ATTEMPT KICK , STRIKE	110	36	146
KICKING/ STRIKING/FIGHTING	311	72	383
VIOLENT HEAD TO HEAD BUTTING	15	1	16
HEAD TO HEAD CONTACT	56	13	69
ATTEMPT HEADBUTT	11	1	12
SPITTING OR UNSEEMLY BEHAVIOUR	7	1	8
STOPPING A G/SCORING OPPORTUNITY	224	34	258
I.O.A. LANGUAGE/GESTURES	272	54	326
I.O.A. LANGUAGE/GESTURES at Match Officials	155	19	174
RECEIVING A SECOND CAUTION- SAME GAME	437	120	557
5/10/15/cautions	(5) 387 (10) 24(15) 1	5)21 (10) 0(15) 0	
2/3 Sending off offences in season	(2) 128 (3) 12	(2) 9 (3) 0	

MISCELLANEOUS DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

DISCIPLINARY POINTS-CLUBS CHARGED.

	2010-2011	2009-2010	2008-2009	2007-2008
LEVEL ONE REACHED	111	(107)	(125)	(143)
LEVELS ONE AND TWO REACHED-	27	(29)	(30)	(36)
LEVEL ONE TWO AND THREE REACHED	17	(15)	(13)	(6)

PLAYER-CONTINUING MISCONDUCT

2 /3/4 SENDINGS OFF IN A SEASON

	2010-2011	2009-2010	2008-2009	2007-2008
2 -	137	(114)	(109)	(145)
3 -	12	(11)	(14)	(3)
4 -	1	(0)	(1)	(0)

Playing under Suspension.

Players charged.

52adults

4youth

Clubs charged

56

Clubs playing

whilst suspended

13 adult

3 child/youth

Multiplayer Misconduct - by 6 individuals in game

1sttime Step 5/6 £150 Step 7 £75 Step 5/6 (9 clubs offended)Step7 (5 clubs offended)

Multiplayer Misconduct 6 individuals in game 2nd time Step 5/6 £300 Step 7 £150

Step 5/6 (2clubs offended) Step 7 £75 (1 club offended) 3rdtime step 5/6(1) step 7(1)

DISCIPLINARY COMMISSIONS HELD BETWEEN 1st JULY 2010 and 31st May 2011

	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
Disciplinary Commissions	35	35	43	50	52	56
Summoned to Attend	30	31	21	5	21	41
Personal Hearings	83	71	148	162	184	145
Personal Hearings and Summoned Cases Proven or Part Proven	59	67	109	102 (4 cases pending)	97 (8 cases pending)	114
Daytime Commissions for Paper cases	12	16	15	14	13	13
Paper Cases dealt with.	800	791	1008	1145	1119	957
Appeals to review sine die suspensions	2	3	2	2	2	4

APPEALS TO THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

During the Season of 2010-2011 there have been 11 Appeals to The Football Association.

APPEAL 1

Player was charged with Improper/Insulting Conduct and Behaviour towards a Referee. He pleaded Guilty and offered no mitigation or plea for leniency.

A Disciplinary Commission imposed the recommended punishment of 112 days suspension and a fine of £75. The club/player appealed the decision on the grounds that the punishment was excessive. The appeal was upheld and it was ordered that the suspension be varied to 84 days and £75.00 fine. His Appeal fee was returned.

APPEAL 2.

Player was charged with (a) Assault on a referee alternatively (b) Improper/Insulting Conduct and behaviour towards a Referee. The assault was found not proven but the lesser charge was proven and the player received a punishment of 77 days suspension and a £30 fine.

The club/player appealed the decision on the grounds that the punishment was excessive. The appeal was upheld and it was ordered that the suspension be varied to 42 days and £30.00 fine. His Appeal fee was returned.

APPEAL 3.

Club Official was charged with misconduct towards Match officials. He failed to reply to the charge. A Disciplinary Commission taking into account the officials record, imposed a Suspension from all football until the end of the season.

He appealed the decision on the grounds that the punishment was excessive.

The appeal was upheld and it was ordered that the suspension be varied to that he be suspended from all match day Activities until the end of the season.

His Appeal fee was retained but no order for costs.

APPEAL 4.

Player was charged with use of abusive/insulting words to a referee. He pleaded Not Guilty. The case was found proven and he was suspended 35 days and fined £25. He appealed the decision on the grounds that the decision was incorrect. The appeal was dismissed and it was ordered that his Appeal fee be retained and ordered to pay £100.

APPEALS TO THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

APPEALS 5,6,7 and 8

The four Appeals were made by one Club and involved 3 Club Officials who were charged with Improper Conduct and the fourth appeal being a Club charge of Failing to control their players and Officials.

The Club/Officials appealed the decisions on the grounds that the punishment was excessive. The Officials had been fined £100 each and the Club £200.

The appeals were dismissed .

The Appeal fees were retained but no order for costs.

MISCONDUCT RELATING TO RACISM

Taking into account that during the season there were in this County

1749 Clubs affiliated with 3557 teams competing at all levels of football.

The amount of reported Racial incidents and misconduct is relatively low.

As a result of investigation of complaints or Referees misconduct reports received

The following cases were dealt with by Disciplinary Commissions where an

Aggravating Factor under Rule E3 had been accepted or proven

1. Club charged for misconduct by a Spectator –open aged. C&W Fined £50
2. Club charged for misconduct by a Spectator –U/14s C&W Fined £50
3. Club charged for misconduct by a Spectator /Players U/16s C&W Fined £75
4. Club charged for misconduct by a Spectators U/18s C&W Fined £200 including a Suspended sentence until 31.5.2012 and directed to publish in programme, Warning notices to Spectators.
5. Four players from different Clubs, one of whom was U/10 received varying suspensions of 35 days or more.

A further Club for misconduct by a spectator was found not proven at a

Personal Hearing. A similar decision was also found with a player.

There were two complaints where on investigation the clubs complained of responded but those making the complaint did not, one of these actually withdrew the complaint.

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