

Important Discipline Changes for Season 2017-2018





Please note the following changes

- Automatic sanctions will commence **7 days (currently 14 days)** after the date of the game. A player who is sent off will be suspended 7 days after the date of the game for a minimum of 1 match.
- The reduction to **7 days** for the commencement of automatic sanctions will require County Football Associations to be suitably prepared to hear any Claim of Wrongful Dismissal/Mistaken Identity before the automatic sanction is effective i.e. for a Saturday/Sunday match to hear the claim on Thursday evening or Friday/Saturday so that a decision is made before the match date when the suspension would apply.
- Late fees will now be charged at **25% of the outstanding invoice value** rather than the set £20 late fee.

CLUB Example

Under the old ruling

A club has 5 cautions at £10 each = invoice for £50

If cautions are not paid, late fee of 5 x £20 applied = £100

Total invoice = £150

Under the new ruling:

A club has 5 cautions at £10 each = invoice for £50

If cautions are not paid, late fee of 25% of invoice is applied = £12.50

Total invoice = £62.50

- Should the invoice remain unpaid then the player and the club will be suspended.
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MINIMUM Mandatory sanction for the following offences will be:

- Assault on a Match Official - 5 year suspension
- Improper Conduct against a Match Official including physical contact, violent conduct and threatening and/or abusive language/behaviour - 84 days suspension and a fine of £100.00
- Improper Conduct against a Match Official including threatening and/or abusive language/behaviour - 56 days or 6 match suspension and a fine of £50.00
- The threshold for an Appeal to The FA currently set at a sanction in excess of 2 matches and/or £25.00 fine will be removed. Any sanction imposed by a Disciplinary Commission can be, subject to payment of the appeal fee, appealed to The FA.