



Club Academy Scotland
DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES
Season 2018/2019

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Introduction

The following Disciplinary Procedures shall apply individually to each Age Group within the Club Academy Scotland Programme played under the jurisdiction of the Scottish Football Association.

Any disciplinary matter which arises in a Club Academy Scotland match which is not referred to within these Procedures will be dealt with in accordance with the Scottish FA's Judicial Panel Protocol.

1. REPORTING OF OFFENCES BY MATCH OFFICIALS

1.1 Cautionable and Sending off Offences

- 1.1.1 Referees will administer cautions and sendings-off in accordance with the Laws of the Game and report them to the Scottish FA within two days of the match.
- 1.1.2 A caution or sending-off is not nullified by a referee failing to show the player the appropriate card when administering the caution or sending-off to the player or by any other omission by a referee.
- 1.1.3 The referee shall also report offences by players, providing details, where the referee cannot administer a caution or sending-off for the offence but otherwise would have done so (for example because the player has already been dismissed during the match). Such offences and offences for which a caution or sending-off has been administered shall all be treated as cautionable or sending-off offences, as applicable, in these Disciplinary Procedures.
- 1.1.4 Where the referee intends to report an offence under clause 1.1.3, he shall generally inform an appropriate member of Team Staff or official of his intention as soon as possible after the match.
- 1.1.5 Where a match official considers that a player has committed Excessive Misconduct at a match that should be referred to the Disciplinary Tribunal, they shall submit an Excessive Misconduct Report.
- 1.1.6 In deciding whether to submit an Excessive Misconduct Report, the match officials shall have regard to the Disciplinary Rules as applicable in accordance with Annex A of the Judicial Panel Protocol.

2. RECORDING OF OFFENCES

2.1 Cautionable Offences

The Scottish FA will confirm the cautionable offence to the player's club. In the case of a player incurring a third cautionable offence, and for every third cautionable offence incurred thereafter, in that season's Age Group, the Scottish FA will confirm to his club that he is subject to the standard punishment as detailed in Paragraph 3.

2.2 Sending-off Offences

The Association will confirm the sending-off offence to the player's club and that he is subject to the standard punishment as detailed in Paragraph 3.

3. PUNISHMENTS

3.1 Cautionable Offences

A player who incurs three cautionable offences during a season will be suspended for one match in that Age Group. The suspension shall be effective on the 14th day following the date of the offence which resulted in the incurring of the suspension. The application of a one match suspension will be repeated for every third cautionable offence incurred by a player in that Age Group in the season.

3.2 Sending-off Offences

A player who is reported for a sending-off offence will be suspended automatically for his club's next match in the Age Group in which he was sent off.

4. OTHER PROVISIONS

4.1 Excessive Misconduct

Where referees submit Excessive Misconduct Reports relating to sending-off offences, the Scottish FA records the sending-off offences and confirm to players, via their clubs, the sending-off offences recorded against them and that they are subject to an automatic suspension applicable under Paragraph 3 of these Disciplinary Procedures. The Scottish FA also refers Excessive Misconduct Reports to the Compliance Officer in accordance with the Judicial Panel Protocol.

4.2 Abandoned/Void Matches - Misconduct and Suspensions

4.2.1 Any cautionable offence reported in a match which is abandoned or declared void shall not apply except where the match is abandoned or declared void due to player misconduct.

4.2.2 Any sending-off offence reported in a match which is abandoned or declared void will apply notwithstanding the abandonment/voiding of the match.

4.2.3 A match which is abandoned does not count as a completed match in terms of a player serving a suspension.

4.2.4 A match which has been completed but later declared void will count towards a completed match in terms of a player serving a suspension.

4.3 Outstanding Suspensions

4.3.1 Any suspension or part thereof which remains outstanding at the end of a season will continue to apply to subsequent season(s). In the case of a player who becomes ineligible because of age conditions to play in the Age Group in which he incurred the suspension, any outstanding suspension will be applied to his applicable Age Group for the following season.

4.3.2 Any suspension or part thereof which remains outstanding at the end of a season and which, due to age and/or registration conditions, cannot be served within any Age Group within the CAS Programme, shall not be re-applied to any other level of football and will be deemed void.

4.3.3 The terms of paragraph 4.3.2 apply only to suspensions incurred as a result of the automatic application of these Disciplinary Procedures. Any suspension which has been applied by a Judicial Panel Disciplinary Tribunal, and which remains outstanding at the end of a season, shall be re-applied to a player's applicable disciplinary record as appropriate.

4.4 Repeated Indiscipline

Beyond the application of these Disciplinary Procedures, cases of repeated indiscipline by a player or a club will be investigated by the Scottish FA as part of the ongoing monitoring of the Club Academy Scotland and its stated objectives.

5. SCHEDULE OF OFFENCES

5.1 Sending-off Offences

- A1 Serious Foul Play
- A2 Violent Conduct
- A3 Spitting at an Opponent or Any Other Person
- A4 Denying the Opposing Team or an Opponent a goal or an Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunity as Defined by Law 12
- A5 Offensive, Insulting or Abusive Language and/or gestures
- A6 Receiving a Second Caution in the Same Match

5.2 Cautionable Offences

B1 Unsporting Behaviour:

There are different circumstances when a player must be cautioned for unsporting behavior which include, but are not limited to, when a player:

- a) Impedes an opponent with contact
 - b) Recklessly trips or attempts to trip an opponent
 - c) Recklessly tackles or challenges an opponent
 - d) Recklessly kicks or attempts to kick an opponent
 - e) Denies an opponent an obvious goal scoring opportunity as defined by Law 12f)
Holds or pushes an opponent
 - g) Commits an offence which interferes with or stops a promising attack outwith the penalty area
 - h) Excessively celebrates the scoring of a goal as defined by Law 12
 - i) Handles the ball deliberately
 - j) Shows a lack of respect for the game
 - k) Commits an act of simulation
 - l) Commits any other offence(s) deemed by the match official to be unsporting behaviour
- B2 Dissent by Word or Action
- B3 Persistently offending against the Laws of the Game
- B4 Delays the restart of play
- B5 Failing to respect the required distance at the restart of play
- B6 Entering or re-entering or leaving the field of play without the referee's permission

6. MISCONDUCT OF TEAM STAFF AND OFFICIALS

Any report of misconduct of a member of Team Staff or official will be dealt with in accordance with Annex D of the Judicial Panel Protocol.