

A GUIDE TO TEAM OFFICIALS

A full-page background image with a green color overlay. It depicts a football manager standing on a pitch, gesturing with his hands. He is wearing a dark jacket and dark trousers with the 'LEGEA' brand name visible on the left leg. A water bottle is on the ground near his feet. The background shows a blurred football pitch and stadium seating.

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Team Officials are members of staff authorised to go in the Technical Area and are not recognised substitutes. For example, a manager, 1st team coach, physio, doctor, etc.

Team Officials will receive Warnings, Yellow Cards and Red Cards by match officials. Based on the following criteria, the Referee will intervene on one of the following reasons:

Warnings will be given for the following types of offences:

- Entering the field of play in a non-confrontational manner
- Failing to cooperate with a match official e.g. ignoring an instruction/request from an assistant referee or the fourth official
- Minor/low level disagreement with a decision
- Occasionally leaving the technical area without committing another offence

Yellow Cards will be given for the following offences:

- Clearly/persistently not respecting the confines of their team's technical area
- Delaying the restart of play by their team

- Deliberately entering the technical area of the opposing team (non-confrontational)
- Dissent by word or action including:
 - throwing/kicking drinks bottles or other objects
 - gestures which show a clear lack of respect for the match official(s) e.g. sarcastic clapping
- Excessively/persistently gesturing for a red or yellow card
- Gesturing or acting in a provocative or inflammatory manner
- Persistent unacceptable behaviour (including repeated warning offences)
- Showing a lack of respect for the game

As with players, Team Officials will be suspended for the accumulation of cautions with a separate count for every competition they participate in. In League matches when a member of technical staff reaches 3,6,9 cautions they will receive a 1,2,3 match suspension respectively which will be served in league matches.

For Cup matches every 2,4,6 cautions accumulated means a 1 match suspension will be enforced. This again would be served in the next Cup match the team plays.

If a member of Team Official is dismissed from the technical area, they will be shown a Red Card. Each Red Card offence carries a different length of suspension which are as follows:

SENDING OFF OFFENCES (but are not limited to):	NO. OF MATCHES
Delaying the restart of play by the opposing team e.g. holding onto the ball, kicking the ball away, obstructing the movement of a player	1
Entering the field of play to confront a match official (including at half-time and full-time)	1
Receiving a second caution in the same match	1
Using unauthorised electronic or communication equipment and/or behaving in an inappropriate manner as the result of using electronic or communication equipment	1
Show dissent towards, or remonstrate with, a match official	2
Act in a provocative or inflammatory manner	2
Enter the opposing technical area in an aggressive or confrontational manner	2
Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures	2
Entering the field of play to interfere with play, an opposing player or match official	2
Deliberately throwing/kicking an object onto the field of play	3
Physical or aggressive behaviour (including spitting or biting) towards an opposing player, substitute, team official, match official, spectator or any other person	3
Violent conduct	3

You will receive an additional 1 match ban for every further sending-off you receive during the season.

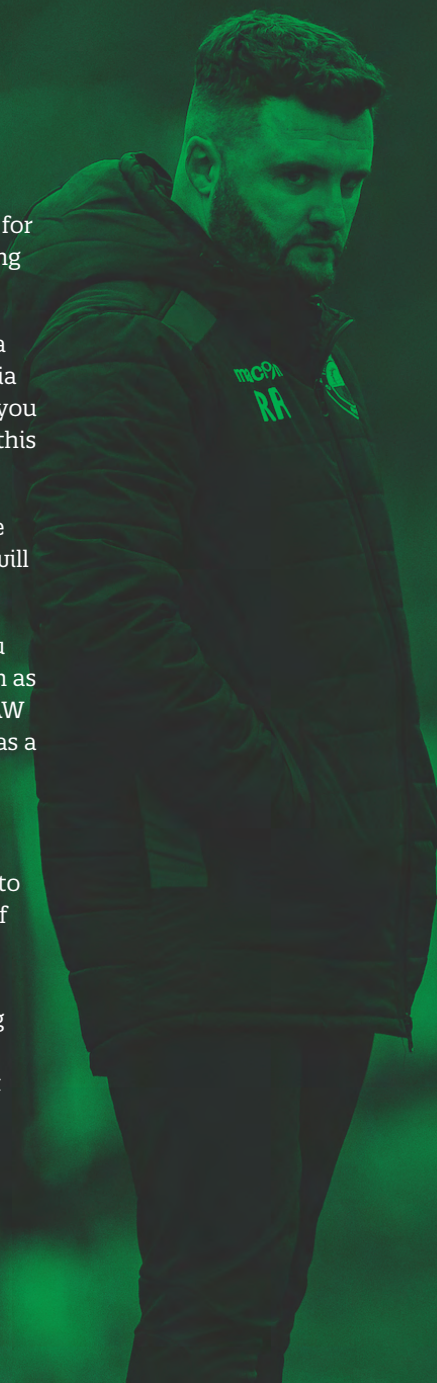
Each Yellow and Red Card offence carries a £10 administration fee, this must be paid via MyComet within 31 days of the offence of you will be made ineligible to participate until this has been paid.

If the Match Official is unable to identify the offender, then the senior coach (manager) will receive the red or yellow card.

If you feel aggrieved of any sending off you receive contact your club secretary as soon as possible and they can appeal this to the FAW either as a claim of **wrongful dismissal** or as a claim of **mistaken identity**.

REACTION TO BEING SENT OFF

- Team officials are reminded of the need to respect a Match Official's decision even if you disagree with it.
- In particular, a refusal to leave the pitch upon being dismissed or a delay in doing so or a bad reaction to such a decision, may lead to a disciplinary charge against the official with an additional fine and suspension on top of any suspension received for the red card.



COVID-19 REGULATIONS

This season the FAW have introduced new COVID-19 related regulations to allow for a safe return to play for all involved in football. As such there are new guidelines all players and team officials should be aware of for the 2020/2021 season.

As a reminder the following types of behaviour should be followed whilst attending and participating in a match or training:

- Complete the Pre-Match Questionnaire
- Disinfect hands at regular intervals
- Wear a face covering (except when playing)
- Maintain Social Distancing on team buses, changing rooms and dugouts
- Sit in the correctly allocated seat for you
- Have good coughing or sneezing etiquette
- Avoid spitting (this is now a cautionable offence in the 2020/2021 Laws of the Game)
- Avoid handshakes
- Only consume liquids from your own labelled supplies
- If you are a team official entering the field of play such as a physio you need to ensure you are wearing the correct PPE
- Contact your club if you feel unwell
- Comply with contact tracing if required
- Stay home when required to do so

Failure to behave within the manner as listed can result in disciplinary sanctions such as suspensions and fines against the individual and/or the club. Therefore, it is important that these measures are treated with the upmost importance.

These measures are designed to keep you and those around safe in these uncertain times.

Team Officials are reminded of their responsibilities to uphold the FAW Fair Play Code. Remember that your club could be entitled to a cash prize of £1,000.

*If there is any discrepancy in the interpretation of the English and Welsh versions, the English text shall prevail.

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