



DISCIPLINARY HANDBOOK

To be read in conjunction with the Competition Rules 2024.

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Code of Conduct: All Community Football Federation Players

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behavior in the game.

Players want a good referee for every match, yet match officials are put under tremendous pressure to officiate properly each match because of the abuse and intimidation they receive on and off the pitch.

Respect your referee!!!! Without him you have no match.

On and off the field, I will:

- Adhere to the Laws of the Game.
- Display and promote high standards of behavior.
- Promote fair play and behave within the spirit of the Laws of the Game.
- Always respect the match officials' decisions.
- Not retaliate when receiving abuse or badly tackled.
- Play to the referee's whistle.
- Never engage in offensive, insulting or abusive language or behavior.
- Avoid bullying, intimidation and poor behavior.
- Speak to your team-mates, the opposition and your coach/manager with respect.
- Ask your team captain to talk to the referee if you have a problem relating to the game.
- Remember we all make mistakes.
- Shake hands with the opposing team and the match officials at the end of every game.

I understand that breaches of this code may result in action being taken by my FEDERATION.

Red Card – Sending Off of Player

Suspension resulting from a dismissal whilst playing for a team who play in the Community Football Federation will commence immediately as from **the date of when the fixture was played, even if paperwork is not received by the Office.**

Player Sent Off Under Law 12 (7) - *Receiving a second caution in the same match* will be suspended for **2 matches.**

Player Sent Off Under Law 12 (4) and (5) -*Denying a goal or obvious goal scoring opportunity* will be suspended for **2 matches.**

Player Sent Off Under Law 12 (6) -*Using offensive or insulting or abusive language/gestures* will be suspended for **2 matches.**

Player Sent Off Under Law 12 (1), (2) and (3) -*Serious foul play, violent conduct or spitting at an opponent or any other person* will be suspended for **2 matches, with possible further sanction from the Disciplinary Committee as that report will be submitted for further attention.**

Yellow Card - Cautions

Caution Thresholds

4 Cautions.

If a player receives 4 cautions he/she will be suspended for a period of **1 match.**

Card accumulation and suspension is continuous through all competitions (League and Knockout).

Suspensions and yellow cards **WILL NOT** be transferred to the next season.

Team Discipline

ON / OFF Field Fighting

Where a player/ players/ supporters are deemed as fighting on or off the pitch, they will immediately be reported by the referee to the League Administration Office.

If found guilty of this offence it could have the players/officials banned from any Community Football Federation activities for a determined period of time as determined by the Disciplinary Committee.

This decision cannot be appealed at any stage as it brings the League into disrepute and will not be tolerated.

Personal Hearing Procedures

You will be given a notice of the date of a personal hearing regarding your club/player, you must respond within 3 days.

An application to postpone the date of a hearing must be submitted to the League Administration Office with due notice and reasons why.

If the application is considered valid, a postponement will be granted.

Both Defendant and Match Official/s are permitted to postpone the date of a personal hearing once, following this the hearing will go ahead in absentia.

The personal hearing procedure are explained to all present

Defendant asked if they have seen a copy of the report on which the charge is based

Chairperson of DC reads out the charge and any other paperwork relating to the case

The witness asked to add or amend their statement / report.

Defendant can question the associations witness / evidence report through the chairman.

DC members question the association's witness.

Defendant presents their evidence.
DC members questions defendant.
Defendant witnesses individually provide evidence.
Defendant can question their witness.
DC members can question defendant's witness.
Defendant summarizes their case.
All leave the room while DC deliberates (will be informed within 3 - 7 days in writing.)

CASE NOT PROVED	
<p>Complainant informed the case submitted was unsuccessful in its charge/allegation and therefore dismissed.</p> <p>Fee is therefore not refundable and retained by the CFF.</p>	<p>Defendant informed the case against him/her was unsuccessful and the charge withdrawn.</p>

CASE PROVED	
<p>Complainant informed the case submitted was successful in its charge/allegation and the outcome will be communicated with sanction and ruling.</p> <p>Fee is refunded by the CFF.</p>	<p>Defendant informed the case against him/her was successful and the charge due for sanction.</p> <p>Sanction and punitive measures will be communicated in writing to the club or person and will be with immediate effect.</p> <p>Defendant has the right to appeal with the submission of NEW evidence only.</p>

Sanctions / Punishments

It will be determined by the DC on that occasion bringing into account the seriousness of the offense and the discipline history of the Club/Player.

It will be guided by the minimum and maximum sanctions as determined by the Competition Rules for 2024.