

**Discipline Regulation Changes**  
**2024-2025**

Commence 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024

- Respect Sanctions – 6/10/15 have been removed and will no longer tally in the background
- Sinbin caution is now a STANDARD caution and will have a **£12.00 admin fee** attached
- No Fines will be imposed for Proven Misconduct Charges for all Youth participants playing in under 18 Youth designated competitions
- Fines will be applied for Proven Misconduct charges where the participant is aged between 16-18 playing in open aged football

Penalty Points will be awarded for the following offences **only** during the season

TYPE OF OFFENCE/ PROVEN CHARGE	PENALTY POINTS INCURRED
	<b>Caution Offences</b>
Dissent	4 Penalty Points
	<b>Sending - Off Offences</b>
Spitting at an opponent or any other person (other than a Match Official)	10 Penalty Points
Violent Conduct	7 Penalty Points
Using offensive, insulting, or abusive language and/or gestures	7 Penalty Points
Receiving a second caution in the same Match (but only where both cautions are for dissent)	6 penalty points (to be incurred in addition to the penalty points incurred in respect of the first caution for dissent)
	<b>Misconduct Proven Charges – Participants/Coaches/managers and Clubs etc.</b>
Proven Misconduct Charges heard by the Southern Region Discipline Panel	5 - 10 penalty points (subject to any increase by at the discretion of the Disciplinary Commission)
Proven Misconduct Charges heard by the FA National Serious Case Panel	7-10 penalty points (at the discretion of the Disciplinary Commission where the Charge is determined by The FA's National Serious Case Panel)

- Penalty Points threshold of 75 Points per team has been removed and replaced with as follows: -
- Where a team accumulates **25 penalty points** during a playing season, that team's Club shall be issued with a warning which may (amongst other things) include details as to how the Club may seek assistance from its Affiliated Association to improve its disciplinary record.

- Where a team accumulates **50 penalty points** during a playing season, a fine of £75 shall be imposed on that team's Club.
- Where a team accumulates **100 penalty points** during a playing season, a Charge shall be issued against that team's Club and, where proven, the following sanctions may be imposed:
  - 94.1 a fine;
  - 94.2 the imposition of an action plan;
  - 94.3 the suspension or cancellation of that Club's affiliation and/or England Football accreditation status; and/or
  - 94.4 an order that a subsequent Charge may be brought against the Club in the event that the same team accumulates a specified number of additional penalty points

Serious Charges:-

- \*Threatening Behaviour – Fined of up to £200.00 Mandatory Minimum - £100.00
- \*Physical Contact towards the Match Official – Fined £250.00 Mandatory Minimum - £150.00
- \*Assault on a Match Official
- Assault Participant on Participant – Discretion of the Panel
- \*Aggravated Breaches – Discretion of the Panel

<u>Category of Offence</u>	<u>Sanction Range</u>	<u>Recommended Entry Point</u>	<u>Additional Consideration</u>
<u>Threatening behaviour</u>	<u>112-182 days</u>	<u>147 days</u>	<u>The recommended entry point is prior to consideration of any aggravating or mitigating factors pursuant to paragraph 102.</u>
<u>Attempted physical contact</u>	<u>112 days - 1 year</u>	<u>238 days</u>	
<u>Physical contact</u>	<u>182 days - 2 years</u>	<u>1 year</u>	<u>For the offence of assault (other than spitting), the standard minimum suspension shall be 10 years where the assault causes serious injury to the Match Official.</u>
<u>Attempted assault (other than spitting)</u>	<u>3-5 years</u>	<u>4 years</u>	<u>Where the subject of the Charge is a Participant aged between 12 and 15 years old (inclusive) at the time of the alleged offence, the applicable sanction range, recommended entry point and standard minimum suspension shall be reduced by 50% (rounded to the nearest whole number of days).</u>
<u>Assault (other than spitting)</u>	<u>5-10 years</u>	<u>7 years</u>	
<u>Assault (spitting)</u>	<u>2-8 years</u>	<u>4 years</u>	<u>For example, the applicable sanction range and recommended entry point for a 15 year old issued with a Charge for threatening behaviour against a Match Official would be 56-91 days with an entry point of 74 days (rounded up from 73.5 days).</u>

- Plus, Mandatory Education Course either online or in person (Via Teams)