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## RECOMMENDED SANCTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF CLUBS INVOLVED IN OFFENCES AT MATCHES AT U18 AND BELOW

This guide is written for use by Club Disciplinary Panels when dealing with spectators/club members who offend at matches at U18 and below. It is not exhaustive and should be used in conjunction with the RFU Disciplinary Regulations, which can be found on [rfu.com](http://rfu.com).

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	<b>Suggested starting point</b>
Entering the playing enclosure	3 weeks
Striking	6 weeks
Verbal abuse	4 weeks
Verbal abuse of match official	10 weeks
Threatening behaviour	12 weeks
Threatening behaviour towards a match official	24 weeks
Racial abuse based on religion, colour or national or ethnic origin	12 weeks
Any other act, misconduct or behaviour contrary to the spirit and/or interests of the game	6 weeks

- In assessing a penalty, Panels should take into account mitigating and/or aggravating factors which will determine a reduction or increase from the entry point.
- Clubs can, in exceptional circumstances, properly suspend wholly or in part a period of suspension.
- In the most serious cases, a life ban can be imposed.
- Clubs are encouraged to speak to the RFU Discipline Manager if they wish to seek further advice, and should always do so in the more serious cases.  
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