



## **CUMBRIA RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION DISCIPLINE PANEL**

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Discipline Panel members

Dear Colleague

PRE SEASON INFORMATION LETTER 2017-2018

As the new season approaches I am writing to bring the following important points to your attention.

1. It remains the responsibility of a club secretary to notify me of any sending off within 48 hours of the event. Providing the name, date of birth & RFU ID number of the player is essential, along with other information. A form is available for download from the Cumbria RFU website under the discipline tab. The form should be fully completed and sent to me without delay please.

A referee sending a player off has the same obligation to report the matter within 48 hours.

The £25 administrative fee for failing to comply with the above requirements is being increased to £50.

2. Any player sent off for calling the referee a cheat or doubting the honesty of the official will be sanctioned, probably starting at the mid range sanction point.

3. There has been an increase of referees being verbally abused after a player has been cautioned or sent off. Sanction for this will be in addition to any sanction should the player have been sent off, and if it involves the above the the mid range sanction will apply.

ALL referee abuse cases WILL be dealt with at a personal hearing whether or not the alleged offender admits the offence or not.

4. World Rugby has made the undermentioned mandatory; this came into effect mid way through last season
  - a. Sanction for striking with a hand, arm or fist to the head will start at mid range;
  - b. Sanction for contact to the head with a foot will start at the top end entry point.
5. Replacements, replaced players and coaches wandering up and down the touchline is prohibited. Can you please ensure that they are aware they must stay in the technical area. Also, replacements must not enter the field of play and get involved in matters.

Players sent off MUST leave the playing enclosure. Remaining in the dug out or the technical area is not an option.

6. Where a player is sent off, that player remains suspended from playing ALL rugby until his case (including any appeal procedure) has been resolved. If clubs fail to report a send off and / or the club and / or player then fail to co-operate with the discipline administrative process, the player will quite simply remain suspended from playing until such time as the matter is concluded. Remember too, that a club or player failing to co-operate may additionally be charged with a breach of rule 5.12 – conduct prejudicial to the interested of the game by failing to co-operate.

David Morton  
Secretary  
Disciplinary Committee

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