

**Season 2015-2016
Devon Rugby Referee Society (DRRS)
Game Day, Discipline Guide**

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In the event of:

A serious injury to a player,

Submit a serious injury form to the Honorary Secretary DRRS.

An abandoned league match due to weather / state of the pitch,

Write the time of abandonment and the reason why on the league card.

An abandoned match due to foul play / verbal abuse / safety issues other than weather or pitch condition,

- Discuss with the DRRS Discipline Secretary.
- Write a letter stating detailed reasons for abandonment (online form).
- Submit first draft to the DRRS Discipline Secretary.
- Submit the final draft to the DRFU Discipline Secretary, DRRS Honorary Secretary and the DRRS Discipline Secretary.

Late cancellation of a match where the referee was NOT informed,

Inform the DRRS re-appointments Secretary.

Red Cards:

Do's

- Confirm the players name with a club official in the clubhouse.
- If you are approached about the sending off the standard reply is "all the relevant details will be in my report".
- Write up your notes as soon as possible after the game.
- Alert / inform the Discipline Secretary as soon as possible.
- Read the Discipline Guidelines:
<http://drrs.pitchero.com/page/discipline-708/>
- Write the report and send the draft copy to the DRRS Discipline Secretary as soon as possible.
- Fill in a sending off form for every player that is sent off, regardless of the level or age.
- Once the form has been reviewed, send the (amended) form to the DRFU Secretary, DRRS Hon. Secretary and DRRS Discipline Secretary within 48 hours of the sending off.
- If on exchange (out of county) please seek advice from the DRRS or DRFU Discipline Secretary for the home constituent body discipline email address
- Accept an apology from the club or player and record this on your form.

Don'ts

- Do not discuss the sending off with anyone on the day (except your Assistant Referee if they have been appointed).
- Do not speak to the press or club press officer about the incident.
- Do not offer your view on an appropriate sanction for this alleged misdemeanour.
- Do not discuss the events on any social media platform, Facebook etc.
- Do not make a statement to the police before seeking advice from the DRRS Discipline Secretary or the DRRS Hon. Secretary.
- Do not send the form to any other person or body other than those listed (i.e. SW group or club representative)
- Do not start a match on a pitch that is not roped off (if only one side is ensure that spectators are behind the roped side for safety reasons).

Verbal Abuse

- Verbal abuse at any level is not acceptable and not to be tolerated
- Find a home club committee member (they usually greet you when you turn up at the club), Use them as the liaison with the abusive spectator
- Write down exact wording "quotes" of abuse
- Get names of any witnesses
- Fill in an abuse form even if you do not have a spectator name, the club will have to provide a name or defend the spectators actions at their club.
- If the club resolve the issue, for example an over zealous spectator, still inform the Discipline Secretary as this may have happened before at the club or with this person.
- Try not to engage in conversation during a game with the spectator, if necessary stop the game until they are removed.

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