

OLD WOKINGIANS FOOTBALL CLUB

DISCIPLINARY CODE – MAY 2022

SCALE OF FINES AND SUSPENSIONS

1. Yellow Cards and Sin Bins

The following items, a)-c), INCLUDE ANY FINES OR SUSPENSIONS SET BY THE AFA:

- a) First three yellows - £12 fine for each. No suspensions.
- b) Fourth yellow - £12 fine and a ONE MATCH Club suspension.
- c) Fifth yellow and above - £12 fine and a TWO MATCH Club suspension for each.

Notes:

- i) The sanctions apply to cautions in the same season, except that for Premier Division fixtures the count will be reset on 1st January each season.
- ii) Two Sin Bin offences shall count as one Yellow for totting up Yellows as above. Being sin-binned twice in a game incurs a ONE MATCH AFA suspension and a £25 fine.

2. Red Card and Misconduct Charges

Any player receiving a red card, or a confirmed Misconduct Charge will be warned by the Club Committee that a second such offence that season, could result in a Club suspension to the end of the season or a SIX MATCH Club suspension, whichever is the longer.

The following items, d)-h), show Club and AFA sanctions separately. The AFA will add fines to these sanctions in most cases:

- d) Red cards carrying 3 AFA disciplinary points (e.g. two yellows or preventing an obvious goal-scoring chance) AFA suspension of ONE MATCH
- e) Red cards carrying 4 AFA disciplinary points (e.g. use of offensive, insulting or abusive language)..... AFA suspension of TWO MATCHES
- f) Offences carrying 5 AFA disciplinary points (e.g. serious foul play; also the minimum points for a Misconduct Charge against player or club)..... a Club suspension of ONE MATCH in addition to the AFA minimum suspension of THREE MATCHES.
- g) Offences carrying 6 AFA disciplinary points (e.g. violent conduct)... as per (f)
- h) Offences carrying 7 AFA disciplinary points (e.g. spitting on an opponent)..... £20 club fine and a club suspension of TWO MATCHES in addition to the AFA suspension of SIX MATCHES

Notes:

- iii) For all suspensions any unserved matches at the end of a season will be carried over into the following season.
- iv) **IMPORTANT** – for offences carrying 5 or more disciplinary points, the club committee may increase the club sanction, in exceptional cases, where the club has been brought into disrepute. In extreme cases expulsion of a player may be recommended by the Committee, notwithstanding that any expulsion must be approved by the AGM (or EGM).

(b) **PLAYERS SENT OFF UNDER LAW 12**

A player dismissed from the Field of Play will be suspended automatically from Friendly Matches until such time as his Club has completed its next Friendly Match, as decided by the relevant County Football Association.

(c) **RULE E1 OF THE ASSOCIATION**

A charge of Misconduct pursuant to Rule E1 of the Rules of The Association may be brought against a Player in relation to any incident arising in a Friendly Match notwithstanding that the same incident has been dealt with pursuant to this Memorandum. A Disciplinary Commission considering a charge under Rule E1 in such circumstances shall have regard to any punishment imposed under this Memorandum, and any suspension imposed will be from playing all football.

B. COMPETITIVE MATCHES

11.1 Any period of suspension automatically imposed for a dismissal from the field of play will commence 14 days from the date of the offence irrespective of whether paperwork has been received from the relevant Association. The suspension will be complete once the Player's team has completed the appropriate number of matches, in approved competitions, according to the suspension as defined below under 11.3. In respect to County FA and League Representative football, any suspensions will be from Representative football only and not any other level of football unless a Disciplinary Commission has specified that the suspension is to be from all football.

11.2 Any period of suspension automatically imposed as a result of cautions under 11.4 will commence 14 days from the date of the last offence irrespective of whether paperwork has been received from the relevant Association. The suspension will be complete once the Player's team has completed the appropriate number of matches, in approved competitions, according to the suspension as defined below under 11.3.

11.3 The matches that can be used to clear a Player of suspension are those to be played in a domestic competition organised by The Football Association (including The FA Challenge Cup, and The FA Vase and FA Sunday Cup), the League in which the Team play (including their League Cup(s)) and the Team's County Cup Competitions. In addition, any Competition in which a Club participates may also be considered providing that such a Competition has been designated as a qualifying competition by the sanctioning authority prior to the commencement of the season.

During periods of automatic suspension, the Player is suspended from playing only for the day type category that the Player's team usually plays in (including friendly matches and other Cup Competitions). If the suspension is for a Saturday team, the suspension is from all Saturday team football (including midweek fixtures) only and if for a Sunday team, for all Sunday team football only (including midweek fixtures). If the suspension is as a result of a misconduct charge, during the whole period of suspension the Player is suspended from playing all football (including friendly matches and other Cup Competitions). The categories of football affected by this regulation are Saturday, Sunday, Midweek, Veterans and Representative football. This will be deemed to be a suspension from playing only, unless specified otherwise by a Disciplinary Commission.

In exceptional cases where an application has been made to the County FA by the participant that the suspension from all football is considered as being disproportionately harsh due to the period taken to serve the suspension in relation to the other categories of football, the matter may be reviewed only by The Football Association and may then be amended to a category type suspension, at the Football Association's discretion.