

## Disciplinary Guidelines

### Rationale

This document has been drafted to clarify our stance on discipline within Scottish Student Football (SSF). This document will be used across all SSF matches in Scotland. This document has been drafted up in consultation with the Scottish Amateur Football Association.

### Fixed Penalties for Standard Offences

The following penalties will be applied to anyone who has been reported or shown a red card by the referee of the match:

<b>Offence:</b>	<b>punishment</b>
Kicking and punching opponent	8 Matches
Elbowing opponent in face	8 Matches
Stamping on an opponent	8 Matches
Grabbing opponent by throat	6 Matches
Punching / kicking / striking and opponent	4 Matches
Elbowing opponent on body	4 Matches
Attempting to punch / kick / strike an opponent	3 Matches
Adopting a threatening or aggressive attitude	3 Matches
Pushing an opponent	3 Matches
Offensive, insulting or abusive language towards the referee	3 Matches
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Serious Foul Play	2 Matches
Denies a goal or goal-scoring opportunity	1 Match
Receiving a Second Caution in the same match	1 Match

### Fines:

**A yellow card is a £3 fine and a red card is a £5 fine. Institutions will be invoiced the fines at the end of the season including the fines for missing team lines.**

### Fixed Penalties for Accumulative Cautions

A player will be subject to the application of the following suspensions for every set of three cautions accumulated during the course of the playing season. The record will be maintained on a seasonal basis only. Cautions for one playing season will not be carried forward to the next season.

Accumulation of cautions:

First set of 3 cautions	1 Match
Second set of 3 cautions	2 Matches
Third set of 3 cautions	3 Matches

### **Right of Appeal**

No player, committee or club has the right to appeal against any caution or cautions received except in the case where there may have been a case of mistaken identity.

Any player wishing to appeal against a sending off offence is required to do so via their club committee. A formal letter must reach the Sports Development Coordinator no later than five days after the suspension has been issued. This letter must be accompanied by a cheque from the club for £25 made payable to 'Scottish Student Sport' for the purposes of the review process. This letter must include as much detail as possible, in order that a fair decision may be reached. The appeals panel will consist of the SDC, SSS Sports Manager plus one other from the SSF Development group. Clubs will be notified of the decision within two days of receiving the appeal.

### **Failure to Comply**

It is the responsibility of the respective club to enforce the fine. Any player caught playing during a suspension will be subsequently banned from playing for their institution permanently, will be deemed ineligible for representative selection and will be reported to the Scottish Amateur Football Association. The club and team in question will forfeit the match in question and be fined £100 by SSF.

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