

Disciplinary Guidelines

Rationale

This document has been drafted to clarify our stance on discipline within Scottish Universities Football. This document will be used across all University 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:

Offence:	punishment
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

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 Universities Men's Football' 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, SUS Sports Manager plus one other from the SUS Football 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 University club to enforce the fine. Any player caught playing during a suspension will be subsequently banned from playing for their University 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 Scottish Universities Men's Football.

Memo regarding Team Lines

Teams are reminded that it is their responsibility to pass completed team lines to the referee at least ten minutes prior to kick off.

It is the responsibility of the referee to send all team lines and reports to the SDC after each match however it is the responsibility of the club to appoint these officials and therefore the onus lies with the home team.

If team lines do not reach the SDC within three weeks of the match being played the home team will be fined £10 and warned about their future conduct.

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