



# Cheshire Rugby Football Union

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Dear All

## Re: Match Official Abuse

You will be aware that there has been an increasing number of referees retiring from the game, in some cases solely as a result of the way in which they have been treated, abused and spoken to by players, spectators or club members.

Within Cheshire over the last two years there has been a 100% increase in the number of match official abuse cards issued to our players both Age Grade and Adult.

Consequently, in an attempt to stop this worrying trend, Cheshire RFU are imposing an extra 2 weeks (Adult) and 2 matches (Age Grade) to the entry point of all match official abuse sanctions w.e.f. September 1<sup>st</sup> 2018.

Could you please ensure all members of your clubs playing and non-playing are made aware of this notice?

Yours sincerely

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