



Cheshire Rugby Football Union

(EST. 1875)

Discipline Start of Season Bulletin

Welcome

With the season starting this weekend, I felt it important to bring you up to date with the changes to Regulation 19 and Appendices 1 to 7 and remind you of our current disciplinary procedures.

Club Discipline/Reporting

- Every club is required to have a properly constituted Disciplinary Committee that is charged with maintaining the standards of discipline within the club. It is strongly recommended that this committee be pro-active rather than reactive. RFU Guidance on the administration of Adult and Age Grade discipline is attached.

- Adult Discipline

In all circumstances Club Disciplinary Secretaries **must report** red cards to either Clare Hayes (East) or Sarah Pratt (West) within 48 hours of the match with the following information. Failure to do so will incur a late fee £25 which will be added to the hearing costs.

Player's Full Name

Date of Birth

RFU No

What the player was sent off for (if known).

Please note the player is immediately suspended until the hearing.

- Age Grade Discipline

Reminder

When a junior player playing in an Age Grade match (U 13 to U 18) is sent off by a Society Referee, Association Referee or Club Referee the following information must be sent to the CB Age Grade Secretary John Downham.

Player's Full Name

Date of Birth

RFU No

What the player was sent off for (if known).

Please note the player is immediately suspended from all rugby (including school games) until the club have held their hearing and the suspension has been acknowledged.

Regulation 19 and Appendices (Attached to this bulletin are the latest Regulation 19 and Appendices w.e.f. August 1st 2019)

- Changes to Appendix 6 – please circulate

1.3 (h) - non-rugby related sanctions must be in addition to a playing sanction

9.2 - No costs associated with a citing

10.3 -Abandoned games. Provisional suspension of both teams could be mandated whilst investigation is conducted.

11.2 - clarifies suspensions resulting from a Festival (Festival day equals one match)

1.6 – RFU and NAGDS (National Age Grade Discipline Secretary) can deal with any case or direct how a case is dealt with.

- Can I draw to your attention to the **High tackle amendment** issued by WRB over the summer that has already been circulated to club personnel?

“Note: Any act of foul play which results in contact with the head and/or neck shall result in at least a mid-range sanction”

<https://laws.worldrugby.org/?domain=9> please ensure the video is viewed

[PlayerWelfare-HighTackleDecision.pdf](#)

Citings

A reminder to all clubs that Citings must be made within fourteen days of the event.

It is advisable that a club contact John Downham as soon as possible if you anticipate making a citing.

5.12 Administration – John Downham will prepare 5.12 charges, in Graeme Roberts will present 5.12 cases in the East and Adrian Senn will present 5.12 cases in the West.

Further Information

If you have any queries relating to general disciplinary procedures or if you need any advice on specific cases relating to your club, please contact one of the following:

Disciplinary Secretary: John Downham – johndownham57@sky.com or disciplinarysecretary@cheshirerfu.co.uk

Cheshire East Secretary – Clare Hayes - clareowensmith@gmail.com or cheshireeastsec@cheshirerfu.co.uk

Cheshire West Secretary – Sarah Pratt - spratt20@googlemail.com, or cheshirewestsec@cheshirerfu.co.uk