

# RFU REGULATIONS

## RFU REGULATION 13 – ADULT COMPETITIONS (APPENDIX 1)

### Sanctions

For the purposes of the sanction table, any references to the England Club Championship shall not include the Premiership or Championship.

### Fixed Sanctions

Without prejudice to the RFU’s power to bring a disciplinary charge pursuant to RFU Rule 5.12, The RFU shall be entitled to impose fixed penalties in respect of any breach of any of the regulations set out below and anyone in breach of such regulations shall be bound by such penalty or penalties:

Breach	Sanction
<p>Ineligible player(s) – selecting or playing an ineligible player (including replacement and substitutes)</p> <p>and/or</p> <p>Player not authorised to enter the field of play in accordance with RFU Regulation 13, Appendix 2.</p>	<p><b>ECC</b> - Minimum deduction of 5 championship points IN RESPECT OF EACH MATCH IN WHICH ANY INELIGIBLE PLAYER(S) PARTICIPATES.</p> <p><i>Note: Where any alleged breach is brought to the attention of the Committee more than 7 days after the end of the Season, the points deduction is discretionary and may be in substitution for or in addition to any other penalty.</i></p> <p><b>Play-Offs</b> - in addition to and in substitution for any other powers of sanction, the Organising Committee may reverse the result of the Play-Off Match and/or deduct up to 15 League points for following Season.</p> <p><b>Intermediate Cup, Senior Vase &amp; Junior Vase</b> – Automatic disqualification from the competition for current season of player and club involved – club may also be disqualified from the competition in subsequent seasons and/or other penalty as committee may decide.</p> <p><i>Note: The Committee shall have the power (until 2pm three days before the date when next round is scheduled to be played) to reinstate the club when it has been eliminated by a club in breach of this regulation.</i></p>

In respect of online Player registrations, failure to provide a completed Player Registration Form in accordance with RFU Regulation 14	<b>ECC</b> - deduction of 10 championship points on each occasion (in addition to any points deducted for a player being ineligible).
Match Result Card - deliberately false or misleading information	<b>ECC</b> - deduction of 20 championship points on each occasion (in addition to any points deducted for a player being ineligible).

### **Sanction Guidelines**

The RFU has set out below Sanction Guidelines based on penalties incorporated in regulations in the past. This is not an exhaustive list and, in accordance with RFU Regulation 13.10, the Committee (or its delegate) may impose any sanction which it considers appropriate in all the circumstances.

<b>Breach</b>	<b>Sanction Guideline (not exclusive)</b>
Abandonment – for any reason other than Weather or Pitch Conditions	<p><b>ECC</b> - Irrespective of the number of minutes played, the result of that match may be determined by the Organising Committee of the League concerned. The Organising Committee may order the match to be replayed.</p> <p><b>Play-Offs</b> - the reason for such abandonment shall be reviewed by the Organising Committee and the result of that match determined by the Organising Committee of the League concerned. (This may include the reversal of the result). The Organising Committee may in addition or in the alternative order the Play-Off Match to be replayed and/or impose a sanction of a fine compensatory payment or deduction of up to six League points for the forthcoming season.</p> <p><i>Note (applicable to ECC and Play-Offs): If a match is abandoned because a team does not have sufficient suitably trained and experienced front row players of at least eighteen years of age and one of the causes for such insufficiency is that a front row forward has been ordered off by the referee the Organising Committee should have regard to such fact when determining the result of the match or ordering a replay.</i></p>

Expulsion/suspension/withdrawal of Club from any RFU Competition or membership of any RFU Competition	<p><b>ECC</b> - results of all matches shall be deleted for all purposes unless Committee exceptionally decides otherwise.</p> <p><b>Intermediate Cup, Senior/Junior Vase</b> - impose such penalty as deemed appropriate by the Organising Committee which may include not being eligible to participate in any RFU Cup Competition in the following Season.</p>
Financial sanction – non-payment	<p><b>ECC</b> - deduction of 5 competition points on each occasion in current or following season as appropriate.</p> <p><b>Intermediate Cup, Senior/Junior Vase</b> - impose such penalty as deemed appropriate by the Organising Committee which may include not being eligible to participate in any RFU Cup Competition until the fine is paid.</p>
Official's Log – failure to complete correctly	<p><b>NCA</b> - £50 for first offence, and deduction of points for second or subsequent offence.</p>
Front Row – insufficient suitable players	<p>and/or removal of result from League tables, and/or requiring match to be replayed, and/or deduction of League points from any offending Club in current or following Season, and/or award of 1 or more League points to the non-offending Club.</p> <p><b>Intermediate Cup, Senior &amp; Junior Vase</b> – (when team acting other than in good faith) alteration of match result, and/or fine, and/or payment of compensation, and/or disqualification from the competition in current or following Season, and/or inclusion of the non-offending team in the next round of the competition, and/or requiring that the match be replayed.</p>
Gate Receipts – failure to distribute as required	<p><b>Intermediate Cup, Senior Vase &amp; Junior Vase</b> - may result in offending Club being disqualified from any RFU Cup Competition in following Season.</p>

Ground and match management – failure to comply with requirements (including report by Referee)	<p><b>ECC</b> - impose such penalty as deemed appropriate by Organising Committee, including deduction of 5 or more League points.</p> <p><b>All Cups</b> - may result in Club being disqualified from Senior/Junior Vase or from any RFU Cup Competition in following Season(s).</p>
In respect of online Player registrations, failure to provide a completed Player Registration Form in accordance with RFU Regulation 14	<b>Cups</b> - impose any such penalty as deemed appropriate by the Organising Committee which may include disqualification.
Kick-off time – delay	<p><b>ECC</b> - may lead to match being awarded to non-offending Club.</p> <p><b>Intermediate Cup, Senior &amp; Junior Vase</b> - any such penalty the Committee thinks fit.</p>
Match Result Card - deliberately false or misleading information	<b>Cups</b> - impose any such penalty as deemed appropriate by the Organising Committee which may include disqualification.
Match Result Card (and player registration certificates) – not provided to Referee and/or not notified as required - information not accurate or legible <b>and/or</b> Failing to telephone notification of match result as required.	<p><b>ECC</b> - Monetary fines and/or deduction of Competition Points.</p> <p><b>NCA</b> - £50 on first occasion, and £100 and/or deduction of league points on each subsequent occasion during Season.</p> <p><b>Level 5 &amp; below</b> - £25 on first occasion liable to increase and/or deduction of league points on each subsequent occasion during Season.</p>
Postponement – procedure for postponement not followed and/or the fixture is postponed because the pitch is unplayable after the away team have travelled	<b>ECC</b> - where procedure not followed, may be deducted 5 League points and match will be re-arranged.
<p>Postponement – reason other than Weather or Pitch Conditions without prior approval</p> <p>Unable to fulfil fixtures or obligations (such as the lack of players or insufficient front row players with Effective Registration)</p> <p>Unplayed match (or request received for postponement or rearrangement)</p>	<p><b>ECC</b> - deduction of competition points in current or following Season and/or order match to be replayed (having had regard to promotion/relegation issues, commitments of Clubs concerned, and giving priority to arguments of Club not at fault) and/or reversal of return fixture to ground of non-offending Club - NB no power to award match points.</p> <p><b>Cups</b> - impose any such penalty as deemed appropriate by the Organising Committee which may include disqualification.</p>

Strongest possible team – failure to play

**ECC** - may include Club being placed at the bottom of its league, deduction of championship points (in the current or following Season), or a fine or compensatory payment to the RFU, any sponsor or other Club or third party which suffers loss.