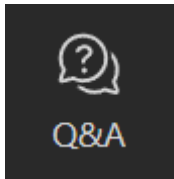


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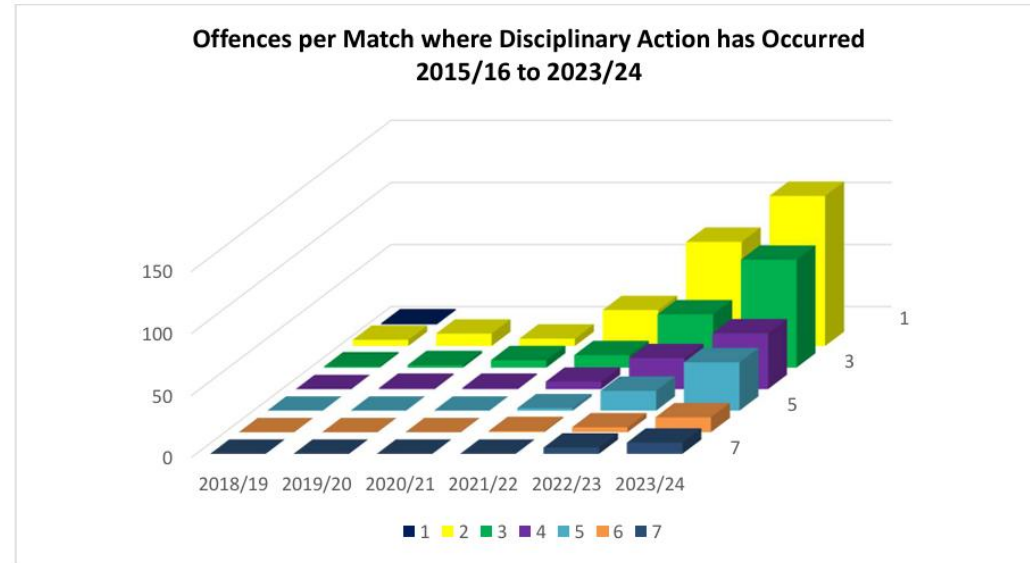
Introduction

- Welcome
- Why have we called an SGM
- Q&A during the session



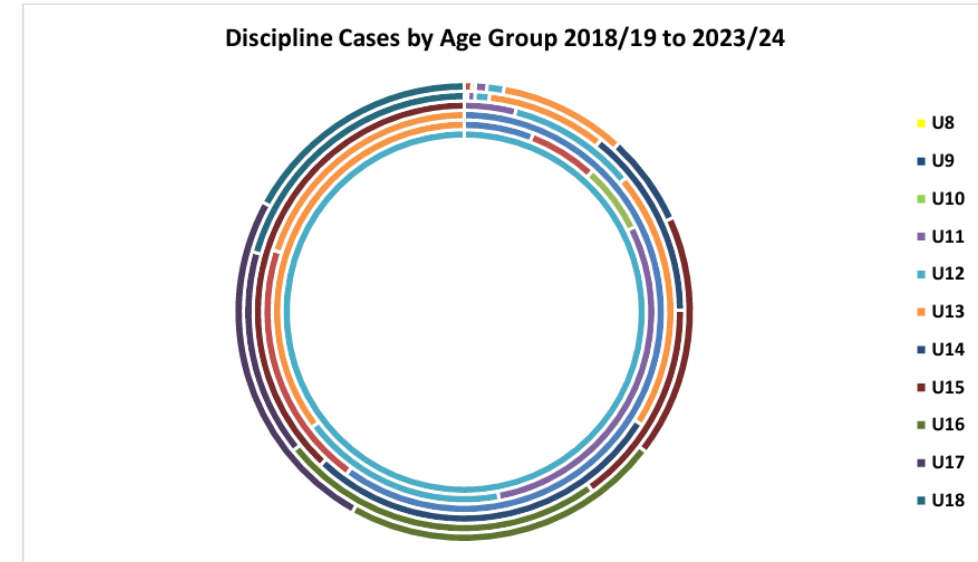
Conduct for prior seasons

8.5 Offences per Match Breakdown



Season	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2018/19	/	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019/20	511	10	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
2020/21	525	6	6	1	0	0	0	0	0
2021/22	2350	29	10	6	2	1	0	1	0
2022/23	3016	84	43	25	16	4	5	1	1
2023/24	3034	121	87	45	39	12	9	5	1

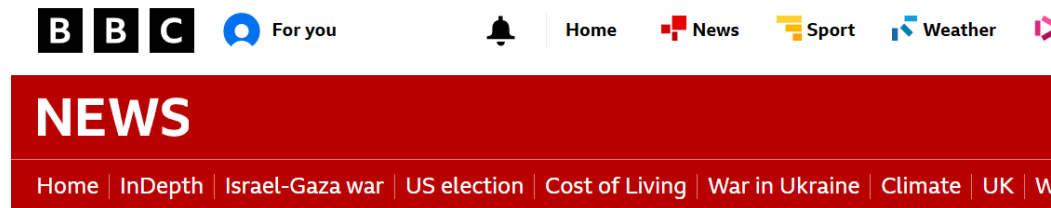
8.6 Discipline Cases by Age Group



	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18
2018/19	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019/20	1	1	1	5	3	6	0	0	0	0	0
2020/21	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2021/22	0	0	0	2	5	10	14	19	0	0	0
2022/23	0	0	1	2	4	33	53	57	90	57	77
2023/24	0	4	2	6	9	67	48	128	169	185	127

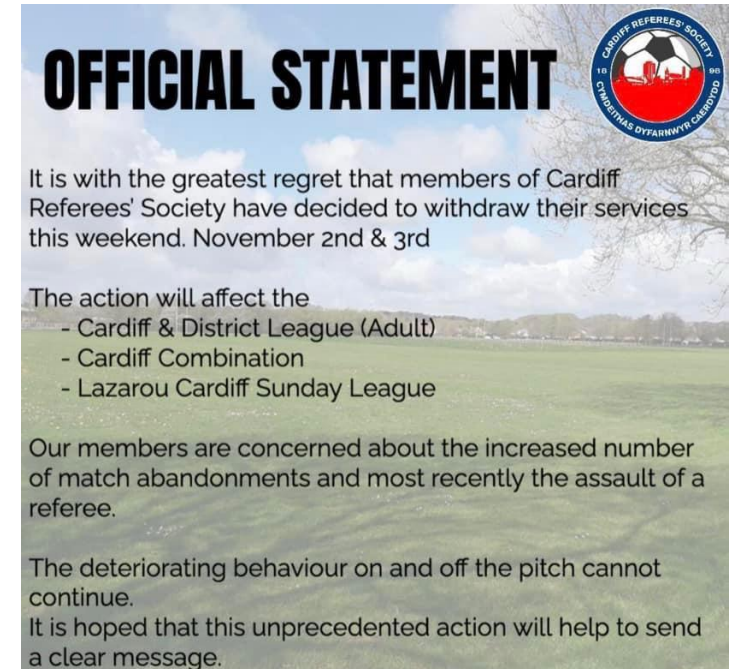


Conduct this season



Northumberland Football League warning over 'hooligan' parents

Good morning all
Unfortunately, we have had lots of complaints about coaching staff & parents behaviour on the sidelines over the last few weeks (more than normal)
Please can I ask that codes of conduct are sent out to all your managers to read and then for them to Circulate to their parents to read
It is really important that they understand how they should be behaving on the sidelines (managers and coaching staff have done their safeguarding training so they certainly should know how to conduct themselves)
It is not acceptable with some of the the abuse and behaviour that is happening across the league at the moment



Season 24/25 Competitive Conduct to date

Games played	1500 (37.5% of season)
Cautions	135
Dismissals	30
Misconduct	23
Penalty points	409
Incident reports	68
Abandonments	12



Incident analysis

Week number	Date	# incidents
1	08/09/2024	1
2	15/09/2024	9
3	22/09/2024	5
4	29/09/2024	10
5	06/10/2024	8
6	13/10/2024	7
7	20/10/2024	10
8	27/10/2024 (half term)	3
9	03/11/2024	8
10	10/11/2024	7



Penalty Points Per Age Group

Age	Points
Under 7	5
Under 10	4
Under 13	20
Under 14	96
Under 15	32
Under 16	73
Under 17	82
Under 18	42



Some examples from incident reports

- “Unfortunately in the second half of the game the verbal abuse and harassment not only continued but worsened and did not stop”
- “verbal threats from opponents using foul language constantly - parents also joined in”
- “no respect barrier was present”
- “manager accused the Ref of cheating”
- “being generally hostile throughout the game”
- “every spectator to the game has come onto the pitch and created one massive confrontation”
- “tirade of verbal bullying against my players and also the coaches”



Top level view

- We have seven clubs with more than 15 penalty points
- We have five teams that have more than 10 penalty points
- One club has already exceeded the FA warning threshold of 25 points
- We have seven clubs that have already had three or more incident reports raised against them

Our Response

- We have always tried to act positively and constructively when issues relating to conduct are reported to us
- We can only do so much
- Everyone needs to step up and take responsibility
- With immediate effect, we are adopting a **zero tolerance** policy towards poor conduct, which will be applied **at the club level**



What does Zero Tolerance mean?

- We hold clubs entirely responsible for the conduct of their players, parents and officials
- Clubs that do not take clear and decisive steps to engage with us to address issues will be held to account by the league
- Clubs with repetitive or large volumes of issues may find their membership comes into question
- We need to end this pattern of poor behaviour and all put our energy back into what matters
- We have to protect the wider interest of our competition, our members, their children and the image of youth football generally



What will the League do next?

- We want to work with clubs, but you have to work with us to create the environment we all want to experience
- Spot checks and unannounced observation of matches
- The clubs with the worst disciplinary records risk not being re-admitted next year
- Teams may be refused entry to the BCFA Cup competition
- Player registrations may be cancelled



What do clubs need to do next?

- All team officials must be named on the team squad list with a photo. **This has to be completed by 1 January 2025**
- All clubs to provide the League with a copy of their Code of Conduct by December 6th 2024
- Respond quickly and constructively if we contact you about issues raised



Online resources from the FA

With 7 in 10 participants reporting that poor behaviour is a key issue in their football experience, it is the most significant factor negatively impacting participation and involvement in grassroots football today.

- <https://www.essexfa.com/leagues-and-clubs/matchday-environment>
- <https://www.Englandfootball.com/participate/behaviour/Behaviour-Improvement-Resources>
- <https://www.Englandfootball.com/participate/behaviour/The-Grassroots-Code>



Final note



Questions



Thank you

