

## SECTION 7.3 – ON-FIELD DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS - GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL

### REGULATION 1. MISCONDUCT BY PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS

- The below table relates to misconduct by Players and/or Officials which results in red card:

Sending Off Offences	Suspension
a. Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity	1 match minimum suspension
b. Unsporting conduct	1 match minimum suspension
c. Receiving a second caution in the same match	1 match minimum suspension
d. Serious foul play	2 match minimum suspension
e. Violent conduct	3 match minimum Suspension
f. Spitting at an opponent or person other than a Match Official	6 match minimum suspension

- A Player or Official who has not received a red card but who has been reported for misconduct may be sanctioned in accordance with Regulation 1.1 and Regulation 1.2.
- A Disciplinary Committee may impose an additional suspension upon consideration of the Match Official's report and any other factors they deem relevant.
- The right is reserved to punish an infringement which has escaped the Match Official's attention and a fine may also be imposed in all cases

### REGULATION 2. MISCONDUCT BY PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS AGAINST MATCH OFFICIALS

- Where a Player or Official receives a red card and/or is subsequently reported for misconduct against a Match Official the overall suspension imposed shall be

Offence	Sanction
a. Foul, insulting or abusive language that is used directly towards a Match Official	At least a 3 match suspension
b. Behaviour that is aggressive, intimidating, or threatening towards a Match Official	At least a 6 match suspension

c. Deliberately placing a hand on, brushing against or obstructing a Match Official	At least a 12 match suspension
d. Assaulting or attempting to assault (deliberately or deliberately attempting to push, pull, spit at, strike, elbow, punch, kick etc.) a Match Official	At least 12 months
e. Assaulting a Match Official that involves head butting and/or repeatedly and deliberately pushing, pulling, spitting at, elbowing, punching, kicking etc. a Match Official	At least 36 months

2. Where a Player or Official persists in using foul and abusive language, having been sent from the field of play, a further sanction shall be applied.
3. Separate incidents of misconduct towards a Match Official in relation to the same game shall incur an additional sanction for any such incident.
4. Any club that has a player, team and/or official found to be in continuous and persistent breach of Regulation 2 may be subject to a separate investigation by the Disciplinary Regulations Officer (“DRO”) who can consider the culpability of the Club and subject to such investigation, the DRO may issue a charge(s) against the club directly.
5. Where a sanction is imposed for committing assault or attempted assault on a Match Official the Disciplinary Committee may impose any other sanction available under the FAI Disciplinary Regulations.
6. Where a Player or Official has been reported for an alleged breach of Regulation 2(1)(c) the Player or Official shall automatically stand suspended to play/participate in games for any other club or in any competitions until the matter is dealt with by the League. Leagues shall address the matter under the FAI Disciplinary Regulations within seven days of receiving the report.
7. A Player or Official whom the Match Official has reported as having committed an assault or attempted assault on a Match Official before, during or immediately after a match shall automatically stand suspended until the disciplinary process has been completed.
8. Where a Player or Official has been reported as having committed an assault or attempted an assault on a Match Official, the League shall immediately refer the matter to the DCU. A Club or Participant may also refer the matter to the DCU. The matter will be decided by the Disciplinary Committee in the first instance and all previous decisions from other bodies/leagues will be revoked. The decision of the Disciplinary Committee shall be notified to all relevant bodies.
9. Where a Player or Official makes disparaging remarks or comments about a Match Official in mainstream media and/or on their personal social media platform visible to the public that Player or Official shall be dealt with in accordance with Section 7.4 Regulation 17.