



FAI CONNECT

CORK BUSINESS LEAGUE

DISCIPLINARY CASES USER GUIDE

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1. Overview

1.1. Purpose of the Guide

This guide is to be used where a league (the CBL) is using FAI Connect to track and communicate it's disciplinary cases and sanctions to clubs.

This guide is aimed at Club Administrators and Club Managers who receive notifications from FAI Connect

All regulations for Discipline and sanctions can be found here:

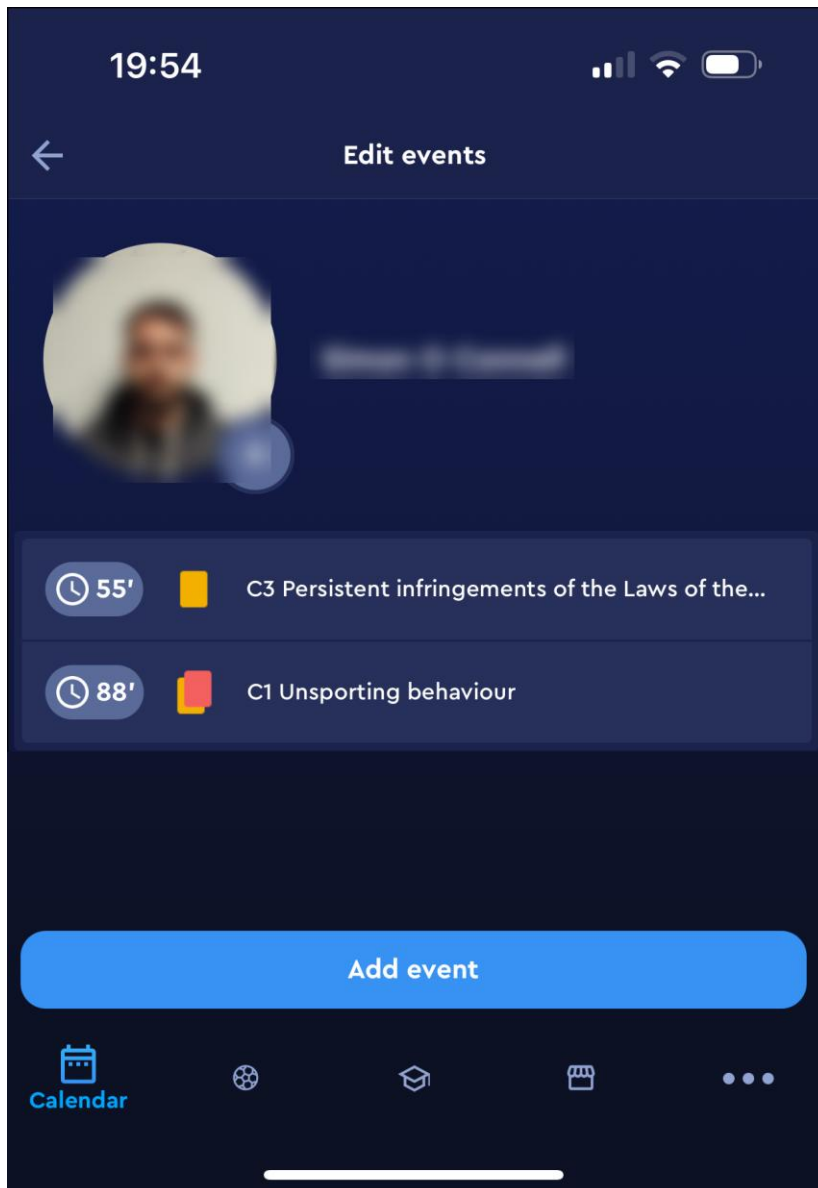
- [Cork Business League Regulations Effective 3rd March 2026](#)
- As always, the FAI Regulations take precedence over any affiliated league regulations when it comes to registration procedures, disciplinary actions and procedures and all other regulations that come into effect in amateur football in Ireland. These can be found here [Updated FAI Handbook – February 2026](#)

The onus and responsibility is on each club to ensure that they do not play a player under suspension regardless of any communication sent from the league or FAI Connect.

2. FAI Connect App Actions & Details of Red Card

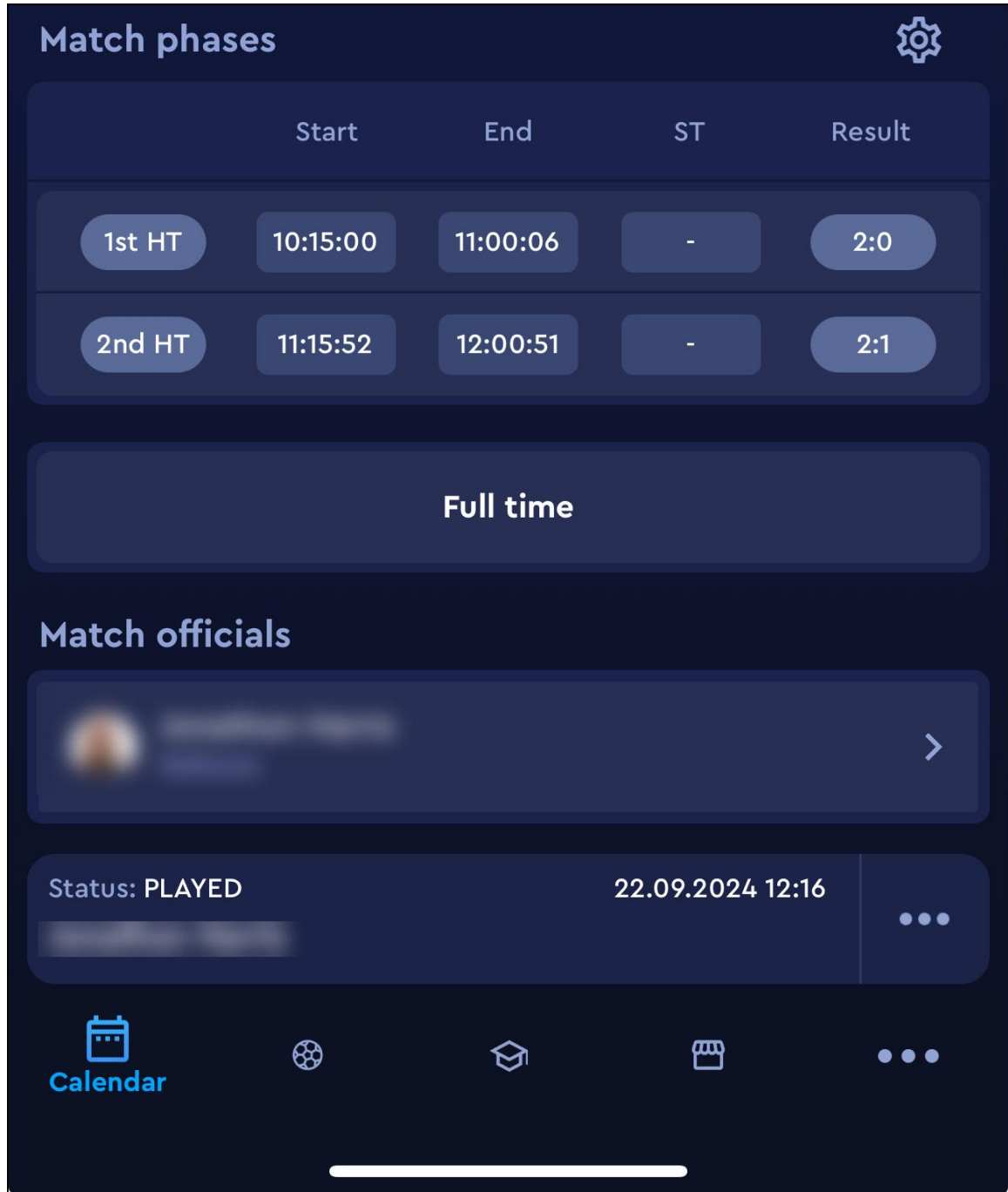
2.1. The Match Official Confirms Red Card Offence

Once the game has been played, the Referee adds in any yellow cards or red cards against the players in question within the FAI Connect App, along with the reason quoting the Law that has been broken.



2.2. The Match Official Sets the Game to Played

Once all Match Events have been added and confirmed by the Match official, the Match Official sets the game to Played. This is timestamped for reference.



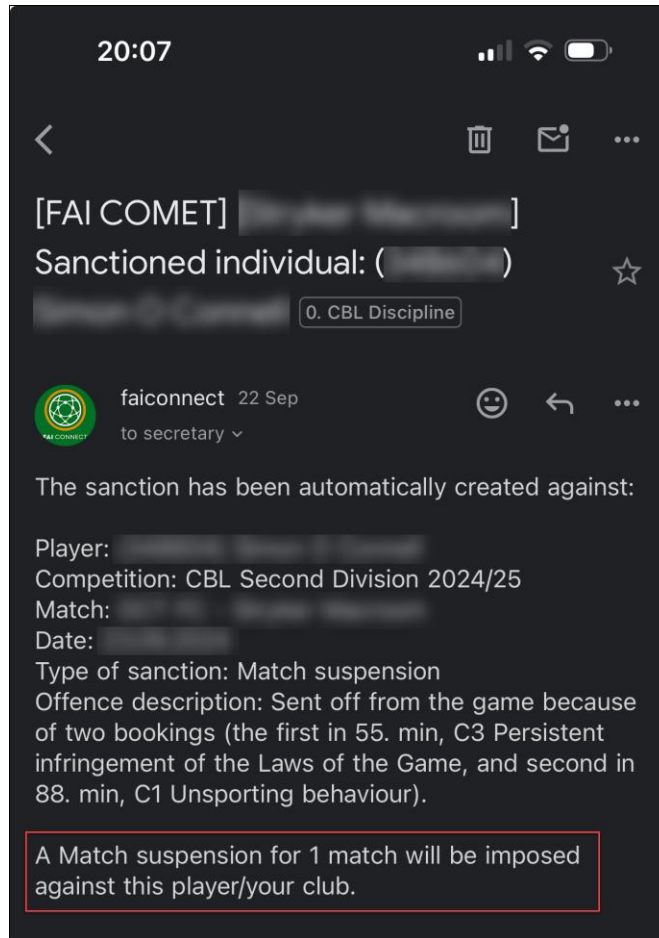
3. Email Notifications to Clubs After Game has been set to Played

3.1. Automatic Notice of Suspension Email

This is generated automatically as soon as the Match Official has set the match to played, and where there is a red card. The following details are provided in the email:

Item	Explanation
Player ID & Name	FAI Connect / MyComet ID and Forename and Surname of Player
Competition	The original competition that the player received his red card / automatic suspension in. For the avoidance of doubt, in accordance with the CBL Regulations, if the red card was issued in a CBL competition, the Sanction is effective in all Domestic CBL Competitions regardless of the original competition mentioned here.
Match	The match in the above competition that the player received his red card / automatic suspension in
Date	This is the date the Disciplinary Case is open and Effective from, which is always the next day after the Match has been set to played by the Referee. This is not the Effective Date of <u>any additional sanction</u> . The Effective date is populated on the Sanctions tab on FAI Connect

Item	Explanation
Type of sanction	This is the type of sanction the player needs to serve i.e match suspension, a monetary fine, all football activity, time bound
Offence Description	This is a short and brief outline of why the player was sent off or why the player is receiving this sanction. A referee will also submit an official Referee's Match Incident Report
Details of sanction	This outlines and confirms the sanction details handed to the player i.e the length of the match suspension, the value of the fine, the length of time the player is suspended if it is a time bound suspension. This is a default and standard sentence generated by FAI Connect and is not editable by the CBL
Additional Note	You can keep track of all monetary fines and suspensions against your club by going to FAI Connect , My Club and Sanctions tab



3.2. What Regulation is this Automatic Email linked to?

3.2.1. CBL Regulations 8, 9 & 10

- [Cork Business League Regulations Effective 3rd March 2026](#)

4. Additional Sanctions – Match Suspensions

4.1. Disciplinary Meetings

Disciplinary Meetings will be held on a fortnightly basis. Only those notified by the CBL need attend.

Following receipt of the Match Officials Incident Report, the Disciplinary Committee may, in its absolute discretion, extend the duration of any automatic suspension and/or impose a fine.

Clubs are entitled to see the Referee's Report of Red Card and can only be obtained once requested via email to discipline@corkbusinessleague.ie.

Requests are not accepted over text or WhatsApp.

4.2. Email Notification for Additional Match Suspension

Once a Disciplinary Meeting has been held, an email notification will be sent to the respective clubs with the details of any additional sanctions. The details as explained in section 3.1 are also found in this email.

4.3. What Regulation is this Additional Sanction linked to?

4.3.1. CBL Regulation 8, 9 & 10

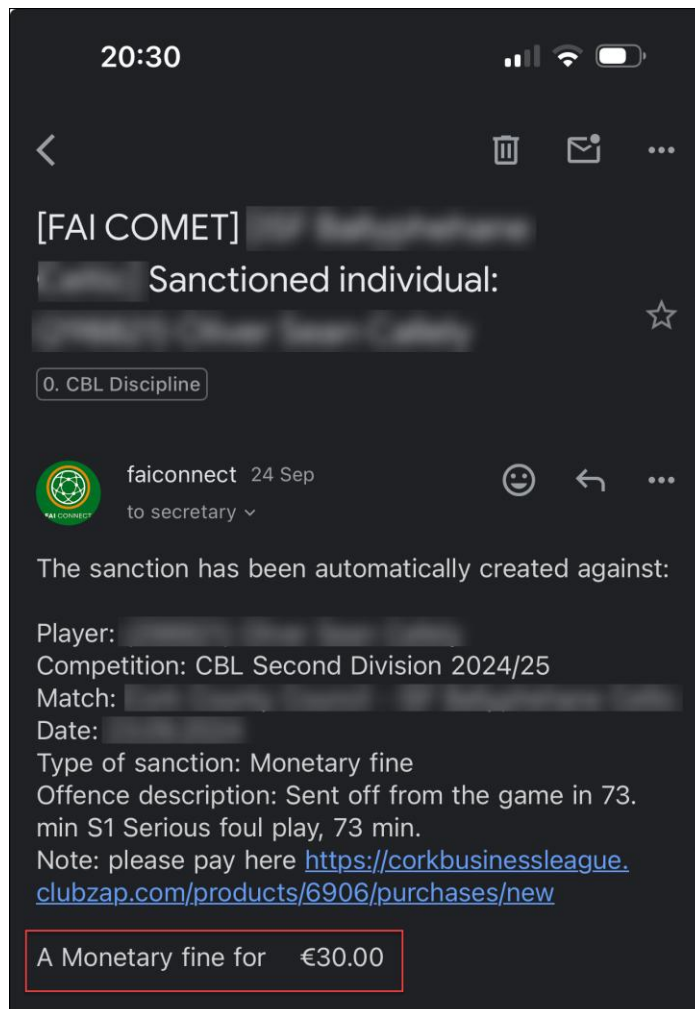
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5. Monetary Sanctions

5.1. Email Notification of Monetary Sanction

Once a Disciplinary Meeting has been held, the following email notification will be sent to the respective clubs with the details of any Monetary Sanction (Fine). The details as explained in section 3.1 are also found in this email, along with the added context of:

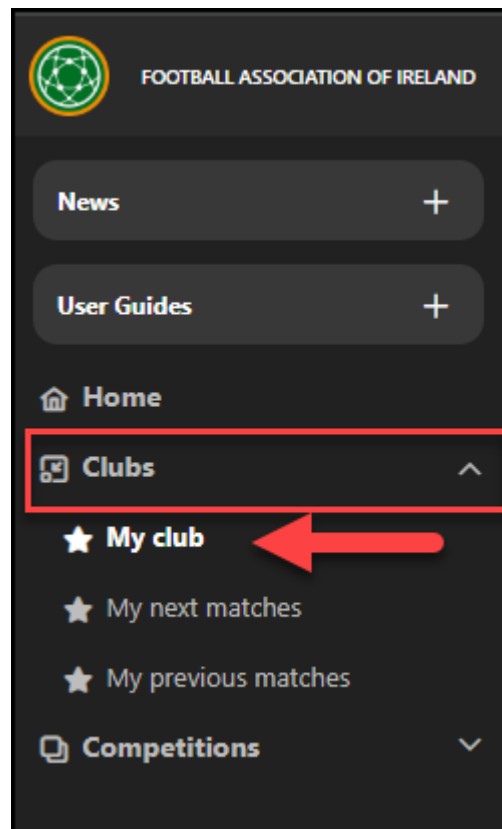
Item	Explanation
Note	This will have the link to pay the fine directly to the CBL
A Monetary fine for	The value of the fine



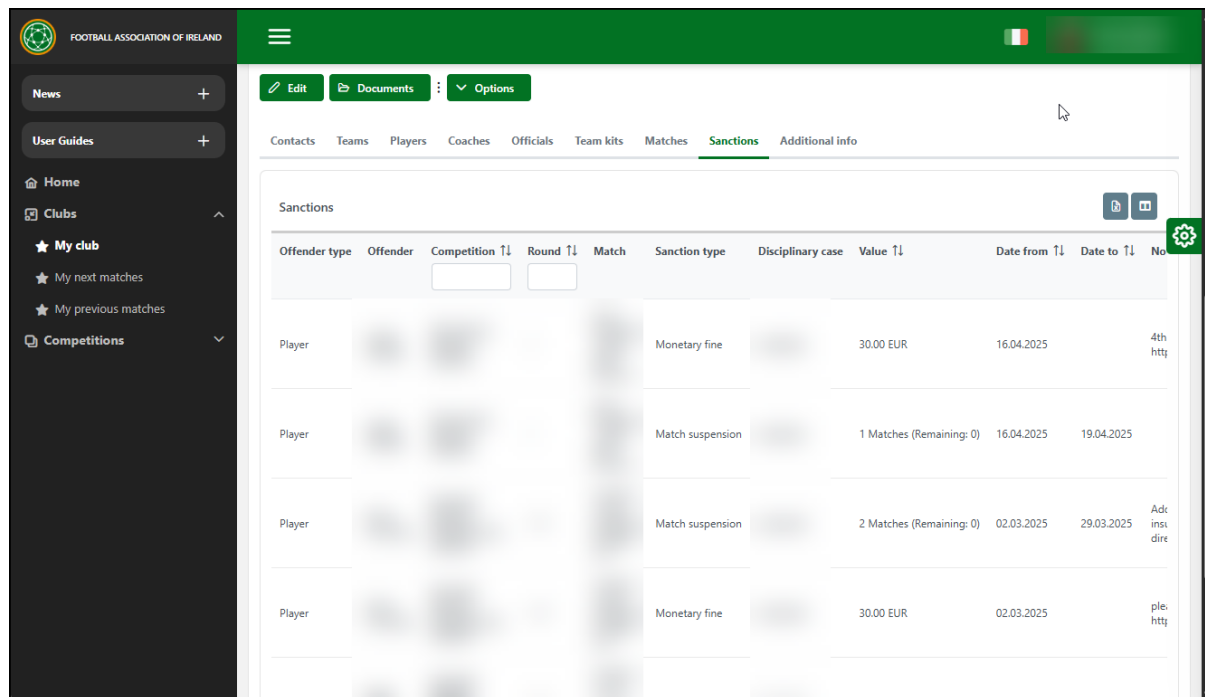
6. Viewing Active & Past Disciplinary Cases on FAI Connect

To view active sanctions for your club follow these steps:

1. Login to FAI Connect Website (not App or MyComet) (Click this link: <https://faiconnect.ie/resources/jsf/common/home.xhtml>)
2. Go to the Main Menu tab on the left-hand-side
3. Open the Clubs Section
4. Click on My Club

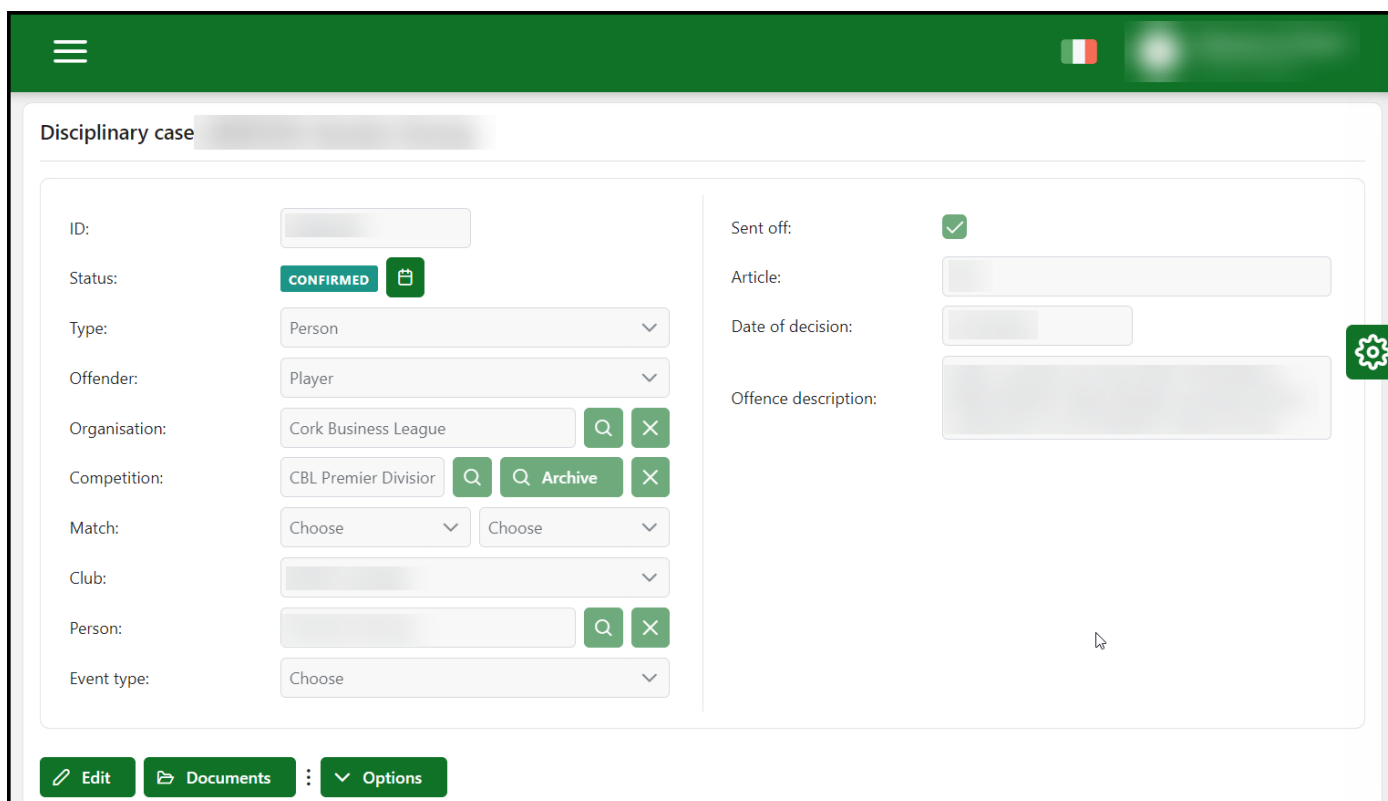


5. Go to the Sanctions tab



6. Click on a Disciplinary Case Number you want to view.

7. This opens up the Disciplinary Case with full details of the Red Card.



- On the second half of this page, you will be able to drill down into the Sanction details further.

The screenshot shows a table of sanctions. The first row is expanded to show details of a 'Match suspension'.

ID	Sanction type	Value	Date from	Date to	Competition	Serving team	Suspension scope	Serving scope	Note
	Match suspension	1 Matches (Remaining: 0)	09.09.2024	15.09.2024			Age category	Age category	

The 'Suspension served' modal window contains the following table:

No.	Round	Date/time	Clubs
1	1		

- By expanding the Match Suspension Sanction type, you can also see the details of which match the suspension has been served

The screenshot shows a table of sanctions. The first row is expanded to show details of a 'Match suspension'.

ID	Sanction type	Value	Date from	Date to	Competition	Serving team	Suspension scope	Serving scope	Note
	Match suspension	1 Matches (Remaining: 0)	01.09.2024	08.09.2024			Age category	Age category	

The 'Suspension served' modal window contains the following table:

No.	Round	Date/time	Clubs
1	3		

Below the modal window, another row is visible:

26173404	Monetary fine	30.00 EUR	17.09.2024		CBL Shield Group F 2024/25		Age category		€30 Fine to be paid here: https://corkbusinessleague.clubzap.com/products/690
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6.1. Definitions

Item	Description
Suspension Scope	The Competitions the player is blocked from playing (whatever parameter chosen will work as long as the suspension is still active and unserved)
Serving Scope	the Competitions the suspension is served/closed after games set to confirmed
All	everything under both Football & Futsal
Sport	everything under either Football/ Futsal
Age Category	every game at that age level
Organisation age category	every game at that age level for that organisation only (i.e. if CBL, then player is still ok for MFA/FAI)
Competition Type	used where the same Competition Type is used year on year i.e. Cork Business League, you may have had players given a red card on the final game of the 2025 season and yet to serve the suspension, if this carries over to the new season, then By selection Competition type it carries over to 2026
Competition	used where a suspension is only applicable to that competition in that particular season
Competition Element	used where a suspension is only applicable to a particular division, cup, round within a parent competition for that particular season

7. Requesting a copy of the Match Official's Incident Report



Note:

The Match Official's Incident Report is not a summary of the game. It is solely used to detail any match events that lead to an incident – i.e a red card

Clubs are entitled to see the Referee's Report of Red Card and can only be obtained once requested via email to discipline@corkbusinessleague.ie.

Requests are not accepted over text or WhatsApp.

8. Accumulated Yellow Cards Automatic Suspensions

In all domestic CBL Competitions (League, Cup or Shield), if a player reaches 4 yellow cards throughout the season then the player will be automatically suspended for 1 game. This suspension is to be served at the same level of Domestic club football.

A new Disciplinary Case will be automatically created on FAI Connect once the player receives his 4th Yellow card. This notification is from FAI Connect to the club in relation to this suspension and is sent directly after the game has been set to Played by the referee (as detailed above). The onus and responsibility is on each club to ensure that they do not play a player under suspension.

To view the details of a player's 4 Yellows, follow the below steps:

1. Go to the Player's profile
2. Click on the Sanctions tab,
3. Click on the "Load Accumulated Yellow Cards"
4. The sanction will appear as follows if the suspension is yet to be served:
 - a. Row will be in red text
 - b. Accumulated yellow cards = 4,
 - c. Pending = 4
 - d. Total = 4

Sanctions

Disciplinary case ↑↓ Competition ↑↓ Round ↑↓ Match Sanction type Value ↑↓ Date from ↑↓ Date to ↑↓ Notes Status ↑↓

No data found.

Load accumulated cards:

Accumulated yellow cards

ID	Competition	Season	Accumulated yellow cards	Status	PENDING	Total
18949669	CBL 2024/25 Add Players to this Parent Competition	2024/2025	4	ACTIVE	4	4

1. The sanction will appear as follows if once the player has served the automatic 1 match ban:
 - a. Row is not in red text
 - b. Accumulated yellow cards = 4,
 - c. Pending = 0
 - d. Total = 4

Sanctions

Disciplinary case ↑↓ Competition ↑↓ Round ↑↓ Match Sanction type Value ↑↓ Date from ↑↓ Date to ↑↓ Notes Status ↑↓

No data found.

Load accumulated cards:

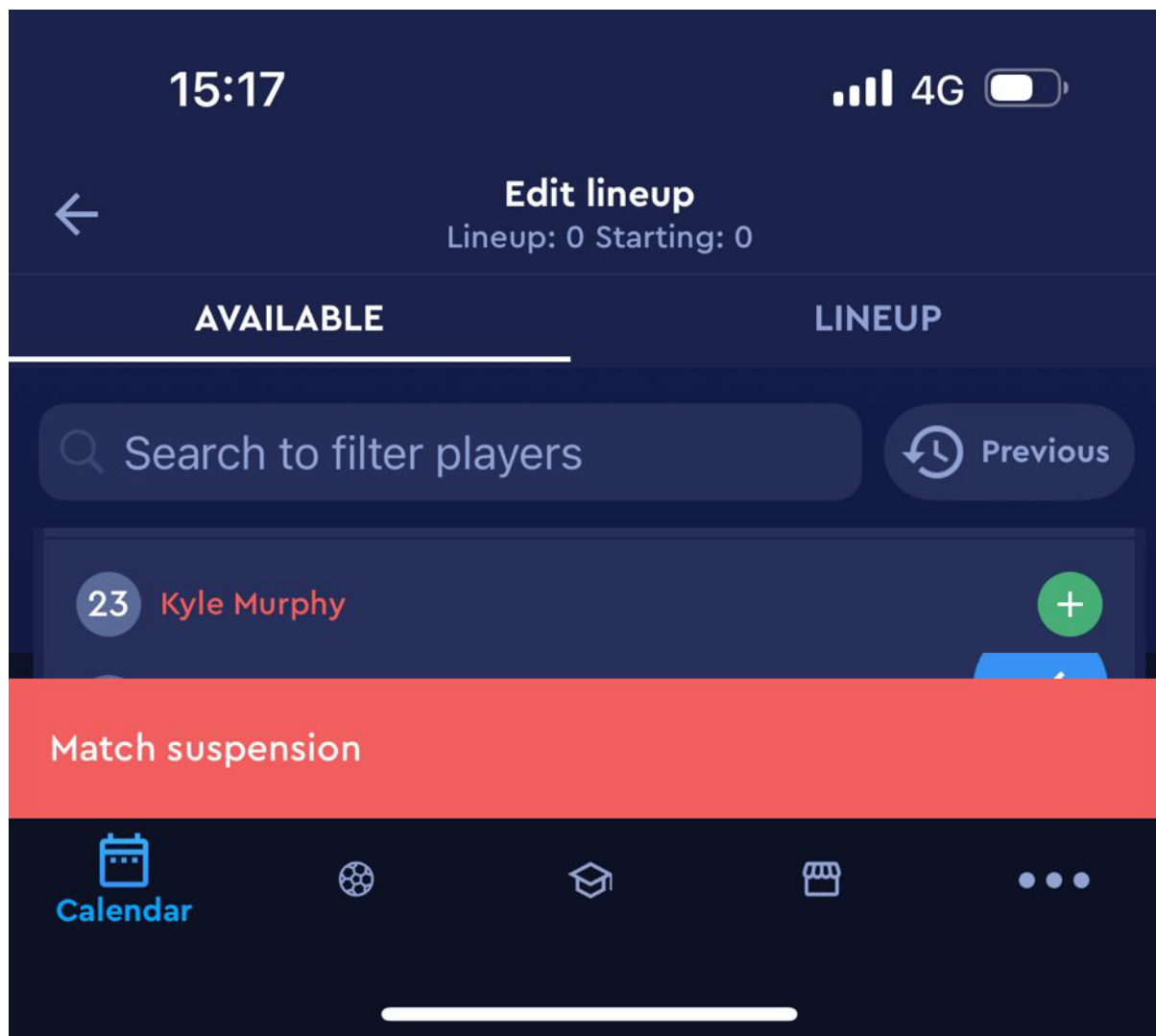
Accumulated yellow cards

ID	Competition	Season	Accumulated yellow cards	Status	PENDING	Total
19857147	FAI Junior Cup 24/25	2024/2025		ACTIVE	1	1
18949669	CBL 2024/25 Add Players to this Parent Competition	2024/2025	4	ACTIVE	0	4
4725014	CBL 2023 / 2024 Add Players to this Parent Competition	2023/2024		ACTIVE	1	1

9. Team Line Up Player Messages

9.1. Match Suspensions

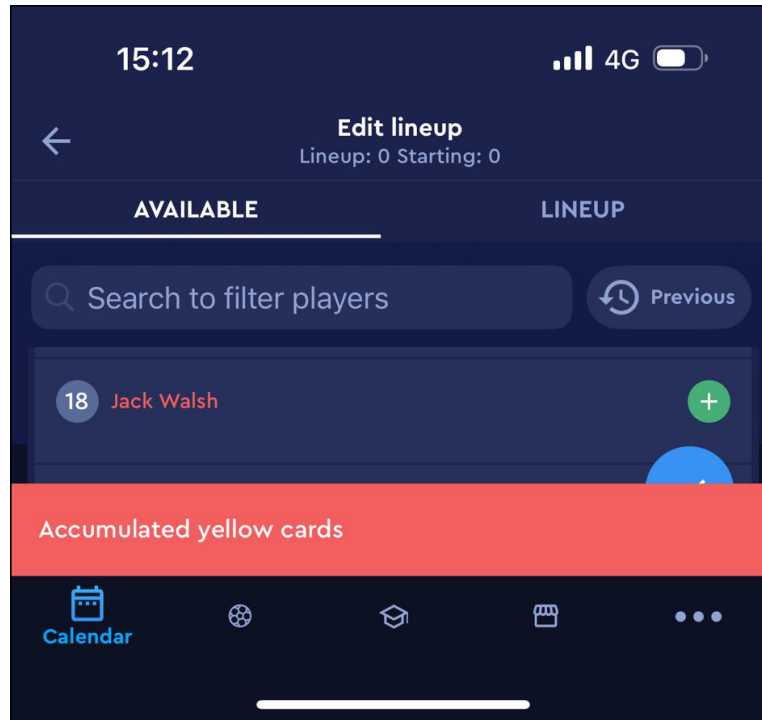
When selecting your Team Line Up on the FAI Connect app, a player that is due to serve a suspension appears in red with the following message: "Match Suspension"



9.2. Accumulated Yellow Cards

When selecting your Team Line Up on the FAI Connect app, a player that is due to serve an accumulated Yellow Card suspension appears in Red with the following message:

“Accumulated Yellow Cards”



10. What happens if the Player is not added to a clubs Competition Roster to be able to serve the sanction?

If the player hasn't been added to the roster, the sanction will apply off that player COMET ID and the Club ID based on the applicable serving and suspension scopes selected.