

New rules for disciplinary hearings

Players sent off in a game need not appear before the Disciplinary Committee unless requested to do so.

The initiative of this new directive is to save time and money for both clubs and the league.

However, Clubs must email no later than the Sunday evening after the game a brief description of the events surrounding the sending off and the name of the player/ players involved.

Failure to comply with this directive will result in a club fine.

Continued failure to comply, will result in punitive action against club.

Players will be notified to attend a Disciplinary Hearing, through their club secretary, if the incident in question is deemed as serious and warrants an appearance before the Disciplinary Committee.

i.e. For Verbal/Racial abuse, Violence or Physical assault. Or at the discretion of the Committee. However in any given incident if a club feel that they and the player(s) should be represented at the Disciplinary meeting then they have the right to attend.

The club secretary will be notified about any sanction issued against the dismissed player. Who will have the right to challenge the sanction by appearing before the Disciplinary Committee on the Monday (excluding bank holidays) following the notification.

Clubs are also advised to send confirmation of the player's intention to challenge the sanction, to the league secretary prior to the player appearing before the Disciplinary Committee.

If the player does not initiate his intention to challenge the sanction by the following Monday of the notification (excluding bank holidays) the Disciplinary Committee will implement the sanction with immediate effect. All decisions of the Disciplinary Committee will issue via the existing routes of communication.

Players will also reserve the right to appeal to the governing bodies of the Wicklow League, under the rules of those bodies.

The following is a guide to the likely suspensions to be issued by the league as per the guide lines laid down by the FAI.

Abusive language resulting in sending off => 3 match ban, €50 fine, minimum

Sending off for rough play => 3 match ban, €50 fine, minimum

Sending off for assault/violence =>Suspended until player appears before the WDFL.

Racial abuse =>4 match ban, €50 fine, minimum

4 yellow cards total => 1 match ban, €50.