



# NORTH MIDLANDS RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LIMITED

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Dear all

## **Discipline update for season 2018-19**

Disciplinary processes, procedures and tariffs have been published by the RFU within Regulation 19. There have been changes for this season, effective from 1 August 2018. Access to the Regulation, and Appendix 2 for tariffs, are available via <https://www.englandrugby.com/governance/regulations/>.

One important change everyone needs to be aware of is “**Any act of foul play which results in contact to the head shall result in at least a mid-range sanction.**”

### **Sending Off**

For all “**RED CARD**” offences we will follow the existing process, with a player being suspended from playing until such time the matter has been considered by a CB Disciplinary Panel.

The same procedure will include a player dismissed for “**TWO YELLOW CARD**” offences.

However, in circumstances where a Yellow Cards has been issued for “**a technical breach on each of the two occasions**“, and only after a review of the evidence, the player may be advised that his suspension will be lifted and will not be required to attend a hearing, as the sending off will deemed to be sufficient.

On each occasion a player has been sent off the Discipline Secretary must be provided with the player’s full name, date of birth and registration number.

### **Club responsibilities**

I would remind all clubs to review their responsibilities under the terms RFU Regulation 19.1.4 and to take action in appropriate circumstances. It is likely that in any Discipline Hearing the Club will be asked to describe what action they have taken.

**Referee abuse**

North Midlands RFU for several seasons has sought to reduce instances of Referee abuse by adding **a further two week suspension to any other tariff imposed.** This practice has been widely communicated to clubs and players, and we ask that it be brought to their attention again please, as this deterrent element will continue throughout the 2018-19 season.

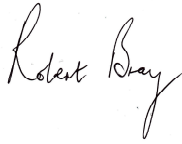
One final matter, the Discipline Committee and Referee Society are both concerned about the misbehaviour by adults at junior games. This is an aspect of behaviour we would invite you to monitor closely please.

Details of local discipline procedures at a hearing can be accessed via the North Midlands RFU website, <http://www.northmidsrfu.co.uk/disciplinary/>

If you need any assistance on any disciplinary matter please do not hesitate to contact the Discipline Secretary, Peter Jordan on (07710) 016192

On behalf of all members of the Disciplinary Committee I hope that you have an enjoyable and successful season.

Best wishes



Robert Bray  
Chairman of Discipline Committee