



# Malpas & District Junior Football Club



Grounds: Malpas Sports Club, The Oxhays, Wrexham Road, Malpas, Cheshire  
Bishop Heber High School, Farndon Community Field  
[www.malpasfc.co.uk](http://www.malpasfc.co.uk)

## **“Match Day” and “Match Day Administration” Fines & Sanctions Policy 23/24**

The purpose of this policy is to set out the Club’s position in regard to fines or sanctions imposed by the FA, County FA, League and Club as a result of “Match Day” breaches of discipline.

For the purpose of this policy, “Match Day” is defined as the period during which a referee would be expected to have assumed responsibility for the proper management of an FA, County FA or League sanctioned football match, where the Rules of the Game would be applied.

In simple terms Match Day is the period running from the point at which players and coaches arrive at the game to the point of leaving the venue.

For the purpose of this policy, “Match Day Administration” is defined as the period commencing at 21:00 on the Thursday preceding the fixture to 48 hours after the fixture is concluded. In the case of midweek fixtures, the period will operate for the same duration on each side of the listed fixture. The “Match Day Administration” period is in place to account for Rules 20C, 21A, 21B, 21C and 23C, which apply only to team managers.

Other breaches of discipline, which include breaches of Club Policies and Code of Conduct will be treated through the Complaints Policy but depending on the specific offence, may also be caught in this policy if listed within the documentation in Appendix 1.

Temporary Dismissals (“Sin Bins”) introduced from the 19/20 Season are not covered by this Policy and no financial sanctions are levied, however it should be noted that the FA and League will be monitoring Temporary Dismissals and a totting-up procedure could result in further action.

Tariffs for fines and sanctions are set out by the FA and communicated in the County Disciplinary Sanction Guidelines and the League Rulebook. Where the Club is required to issue its own fine or sanction, the tariff will be equal to the tariff set out in these documents.

- I. In the cases of breach of discipline resulting in an administration fee for a yellow or red card on the field of play, the individual player or coach is liable to reimburse the Club for this fee.
- II. In the cases of breach of discipline resulting in a formal charge or sanction imposed by the FA, County FA or League, the individual player or coach is liable to reimburse the Club for any financial penalty levied, unless there is an expectation by the authority that this is paid directly. This includes the costs of convening and administering any hearing imposed by the FA, County FA or League.
- III. Players or coaches who fail to comply with this policy will be suspended from involvement in Club activities until the reimbursement is properly made.

Exceptions to this Policy shall include:

- A case of obvious mistaken identity resulting in a caution or dismissal, where the Club intervenes and challenges the initial sanction.
- A case where following an appropriate investigation, the Club believes the fine or sanction to be incorrect or unfair and supports an official appeal to a higher authority.
- A case where following a formal investigation, in the view of the Committee, there are other extenuating factors.

Where an exception is confirmed, the Club may decide to contribute a proportion of any resulting financial penalty. Any contribution would be determined by the Committee on the merits of the specific circumstances.

Further to the conclusion of any FA, County FA or League action in regard to fines or sanctions, the Club reserves the right to take further action at the local level to preserve standards and adherence to its own Code of Conduct and other related policies.

Offences where fine or sanctions can be imposed are included in the Appendix 1.

This Policy should be read alongside the Club's Code of Conduct and League Rulebook.

Signed .....Andrew Harradine..... Chairman .....  
 Hannah Adamson..... Club Welfare Officer

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Review Date: 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

## Appendix 1

### Fines Tariffs 23/24 Season

Please refer to the County Disciplinary Sanction Guidelines (see Policies Section of the Club website)

The list below, which is an extract from the League Rulebook, relates mainly to Club and administrative offences but also includes a number of "Match Day" Offences where sanctions could be imposed; these are highlighted.

FINES TARIFF		
RULE	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FINE
2 (G)	FAILURE TO AFFILIATE	£
2 (I)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FA INITIATIVES	£
2 (K)	UNAUTHORISED ENTRY OF TEAMS INTO COMPETITIONS	£
3	FAILURE TO OBTAIN CONSENT FOR A CHANGE OF CLUB NAME	£
4 (C)	FAILURE TO PAY A DEPOSIT	£
4(E)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE AFFILIATION NUMBER/DETAILS FORM	
5(E)	COMMUNICATIONS CONDUCTED BY PERSONS OTHER THAN NOMINATED OFFICERS	£
6 (H)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN INSTRUCTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	£
6 (I)	FAILURE TO PAY A FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£
8 (H)	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£
9	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT SGM	£
10	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT OR TO NOTIFY CHANGES TO SIGNATORIES	£
11(A)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL BEFORE	£
11 (B)	FAILURE TO COMMENCE/COMPLETE FIXTURES	£
13 (A)	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE TROPHY	£
16(A)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED INSURANCE	£
16(B)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED INSURANCE	£
18 (A)	FAILURE TO CORRECTLY REGISTER A PLAYER	£
18 (B) (ii)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF REGISTERED PLAYERS PRIOR TO THE SEASON COMMENCING	£
18 (F)	REGISTERING OR PLAYING FOR MULTIPLE CLUBS, OR INACCURATE COMPLETION OF A REGISTRATION FORM	£
18 (G)(ii)	REGISTRATION IRREGULARITIES	£
18 (M)	FIELDING MORE THAN THE PERMITTED NUMBER OF PLAYERS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SENIOR COMPETITIONS MATCHES	£
18 (N)	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER	£
18(O)	FAILURE TO GIVE PRIORITY TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	£

19	DELAYING KICK OFF DUE TO NO CHANGE OF COLOURS	£
19	FAILURE TO NUMBER SHIRTS	£
20(A)	DELAYING KICK OFF DUE TO FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED	£
20 (B)	FAILURE TO PLAY MATCHES ON THE DATE FIXED	£
20 (C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE	£
20 (D)	PLAYING MATCH WITH LESS THAN REQUIRED NUMBER OF	£
20 (E) (i) & (iv)	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE	£
20 (H)	NO CAPTAIN'S ARMBAND	£
21 (A)	LATE RESULT NOTIFICATION FORM	£
21 (B)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT	£
21(C)	RESULT NOTIFICATION NOT SIGNED BY APPROPRIATE SIGNATORIES	£
23 (C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE CLUB ASSISTANT REFEREE	£
23 (E)	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS' FEES AND EXPENSES	£
23 (F)	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS WHERE A MATCH IS NOT PLAYED	£
23 (H)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE REFEREE'S MARK	£

