



Barnstoneworth United Football Club Red Card Fine Policy

Effective Date: From start of season 2025

Approved by Committee:

Purpose:

This policy outlines the responsibility for payment of fines issued following a red card offence during a match, to ensure fair treatment of players and promote respect for referees and officials.

It is relevant to all registered club players, women, men, and junior teams U12 and above. It also includes all coaches, team officials and supporters (where relevant).

1. Club Responsibility for Red Card Fines

The club will cover fines issued for red cards resulting from:

- Normal football actions (e.g. foul play, handball, professional fouls).
 - Two yellow cards not involving abuse or dissent towards match officials.
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2. Player Responsibility for Red Card Fines

The player will be responsible for paying fines if the red card is due to:

- Abuse or dissent towards match officials (including where two yellow cards are issued for such behaviour).

Conditions:

- The player must pay the fine in full before being eligible to play for the club again.
 - The club will not allow the player to participate in further matches until payment is confirmed.
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3. Under 18 Players (U18s and Younger)

- For U18 players, fines resulting from abuse of match officials will be **suspended** for the remainder of the season **if it is a first offence**.
 - If a second offence of the same nature occurs during the season:
 - The player will be required to pay **all fines**, including the previously suspended fine.
 - The player will be stood down from games until all outstanding fines are paid.
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4. Appeals

Players may request a review of fine responsibility by submitting a written appeal to the Committee within 14 days of the incident. The Committee's decision will be final.

Policy Review:

This policy will be reviewed at the end of each season or as required by changes in competition rules or club conduct standards.