

Army Rugby Union

Discipline Aide Memoire 2016

The contents of this Aide memoire have been designed in order to give Rugby Officers a quick reference to the procedure and policy in place should a player receive a red card or be cited during/after a match.

The Aide memoire will be broken down into three areas:

Red Card

Citing

Appeals

**RED CARD**

* Player is immediately suspended from **ALL** rugby union matches (Military and Civilian), until their case is heard before an Army or RFU Disciplinary panel
* **Units Must (Offending team)**
	+ Compile statements ready for a hearing, these are to include:
		- Player Statement
		- Witness statements
		- Character Statements
	+ Collate the following information to provide to the Discipline Secretary.
		- Players DoB
		- Players plea to the red card/citing
		- Players upcoming fixtures (for next 2 months minimum)
		- Details of any previous red cards, sanctions or periods of suspension served (both military and civilian)
	+ Make themselves aware of the hearing procedure and sanction tables as found below
		- [Procedure](https://www.englandrugby.com/mm/Document/General/General/01/32/76/65/RFURegulation19_English.pdf)
		- [Sanctions](https://www.englandrugby.com/mm/Document/General/General/01/33/07/76/RFURegulation19Appendix2_English.pdf)
	+ Be prepared to accompany the player to the hearing (recommended to be accompanied by the Rugby Officer)
* **Units Must (Opposion team)**
	+ Compile statements ready for the hearing, these are to include:
		- Player Statement
		- Witness statements
		- Injury report
	+ Be prepared to attend the hearing either in person or by telephone as agreed

**CITING**

All teams have the right to cite an opposing player or club. Clubs must be aware that it is **UP TO THE CITING TEAM TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE AND PRESENT THE CASE** before a Disciplinary Panel. All citing’s must be lodged within 14 days of the completion of the match.

Any player cited is **FREE TO PLAY** rugby until their case is heard before a Disciplinary Panel.

The procedure for citing can be found at the following [link](http://www.englandrugby.com/mm/Document/Governance/Regulations/01/30/35/23/RFU_Regulation_19_appendix_4_Neutral.pdf)

**APPEALS**

Any player/club receiving a sanction from a Disciplinary hearing has the right to appeal the sanction. All appeals are heard by an RFU panel and will incurr a charge of £125.

All appeals must be lodged within 14 days of receiving the original judgment.

The procedure for appeals can be found at the following [link](http://www.englandrugby.com/mm/Document/Governance/Regulations/01/30/35/19/RFU_Regulation_19_Neutral.pdf)

Should you require any further information please contact

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