

PENALTY POINTS – Regulations 87 - 94

DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST CLUBS - ACCUMULATION OF PENALTY POINTS

General

87. The purpose of the penalty points system is to assess the disciplinary record of each of a Club's teams across a playing season.
88. The number of penalty points accumulated by one of a Club's teams is calculated in accordance with paragraphs 89 to 90 below.
89. References to a Charge in paragraph 91 below include a Charge issued to:
- 89.1 a Player or Technicals Area Occupant associated with the relevant team at the date of the alleged Misconduct; and
 - 89.2 a Club in respect of the conduct of the relevant team's Participants and/or supporters pursuant to FA Rules E20 or E21.
90. References to a Charge in paragraph 91 below exclude and Charge issued against a Club in respect of these paragraphs 88 to 94.

Calculating Penalty Points Totals

91. The number of penalty points incurred for each cautionable offence, each sending-off offence and each proven Charge during the playing season are as follows:

<u>TYPE OF OFFENCE / PROVEN CHARGE</u>	<u>PENALTY POINTS INCURRED</u>
<u>Cautionable Offences</u>	
Dissent	4 Penalty Points
<u>Sending-Off Offences</u>	
Spitting at an opponent or any other person (other than a Match Official)	10 Penalty Points
Violent Conduct	7 Penalty Points
Using Offensive, insulting, or abusive language and/or gestures	7 Penalty Points
Receiving a second caution in the same match (but only where both cautions are for dissent)	6 Penalty Points (to be incurred in addition to the penalty points incurred in respect of the first caution for dissent)
<u>Charges</u>	
Proven Charge	5 – 10 penalty points (at the discretion of the Disciplinary Commission) Or 7 – 10 penalty points (at the discretion of the Disciplinary Commission where the Charge is determined by the FA's national Serious case Panel)

Accumulation of Penalty Points

92. Where a team accumulates 25 penalty points during a playing season, that team's Club shall be issued with a warning which may (amongst other things) include details as to how the Club may seek assistance from its Affiliated Association to improve its disciplinary record.
93. Where a team accumulates 50 penalty points during a playing season, a fine of £75 shall be imposed on that team's Club.
94. Where a team accumulates 100 penalty points during a playing season, a Charge shall be issued against that team's Club and, where proven, the following sanctions may be imposed:
 - 94.1 a fine;
 - 94.2 the imposition of an action plan;
 - 94.3 the suspension or cancellation of that Club's affiliation and/or England Football accreditation status; and/or
 - 94.4 an order that a subsequent Charge may be brought against the Club in the event that the same team accumulates a specified number of additional penalty points.