

## **Disciplinary Rules**

The reputation of Southgate is dependent not just on winning matches but also on the way we win them – and that means the good conduct of our players on and off the pitch.

We all know the difference between good and bad sportsmanship – so please, even in the heat of the hottest moment, remember that “staying cool – is cool” and “losing it – isn’t”.

Here we set out our code of conduct and what can happen if you break the rules:

### **1. OBJECT**

To uphold the good name of the Club on and off the field.

### **2. OFFENCES**

A RED CARD as issued by a ‘recognised’ umpire for

(i) Violence used to an umpire.

(ii) Violence used to a player.

(iii) Violence offered to an umpire.

(iv) Violence offered to a player.

(v) Violence not offered.

B YELLOW CARD as issued by a ‘recognised’ umpire.

C BRINGING THE CLUB INTO DISREPUTE, public off-pitch incidents such as gross impoliteness to visitors, offensive behaviour, denigrating the club in public.

D MISCONDUCT, internal off-pitch incidents, such as unpunctuality, kit violations and persistent bad manners.

### **3 ADMINISTRATION**

The Club has a Disciplinary Committee comprising the Chairman of the Management Committee, the Club Secretary, and the Chairs of Selectors for men and women. They may, at their discretion, co-opt any appropriate representative of any section of the Club who will have full right to attend any disciplinary meeting. The Disciplinary Committee shall be solely responsible for all Club disciplinary matters.

#### **4 PENALTIES**

Subject to the English Hockey Association Disciplinary Code. Refer as above.

##### **A RED CARD**

- (i) 30 days automatic minimum suspension, plus further 150 days suspension.
- (ii) 30 days automatic minimum suspension, plus further 30 days suspension.
- (iii) 30 days automatic minimum suspension, plus further 60 days suspension.
- (iv) 30 days minimum suspension.
- (v) 16 days automatic minimum suspension.

A second red card in any one season will result in double the above penalty.

##### **B YELLOW CARD**

3 in any one season: the Disciplinary Committee has the power to enforce suspension in terms of matches or days.

##### **C BRINGING THE CLUB INTO DISREPUTE**

The Disciplinary Committee may impose such penalties as it deems appropriate, ranging from a verbal warning to a recommendation to the General Committee for expulsion under Rule 16.

##### **D MISCONDUCT**

The Disciplinary Committee shall have the same powers as in (c) above.

#### **5 PROCEDURE**

The relevant team captain or manager shall be responsible for informing the Club Secretary of all offences under 2(a) (red card), 2(b) (yellow card) as above within 24 hours of their issue.

Allegations under offences 2(c) (disrepute), 2(d) (misconduct) shall be made to the Club Secretary within 48 hours of their alleged commission. The Disciplinary Committee shall meet within 7 days of any information, or allegation being received. The quorum for a meeting of the Disciplinary Committee shall be three.

The Disciplinary Committee shall consider sympathetically any request for representation by an involved party against whom the Committee has the power to impose other than the automatic penalty.