



All Clubs Affiliated to D&W CB 18 August 2022

**MEMORANDUM FROM CHAIR OF DISCIPLINE – DETERRENCE REGARDING SANCTIONS ON
REGULATION 19 – LAW 9.28**

(Covering all charges in that heading) and all 5.12 charges involving Match Official abuse (verbal or physical) and dissent.

Reference:

A. RFU Regulation 19. (dated 1 August 2022)

1. This is a memorandum to all clubs within the Dorset and Wiltshire Constituent Body.
2. This past season has seen a significant increase in sanctions given for disrespect or abuse toward Match Officials. These offences accounted for 20% of 2021/22 seasons cases, which is above the national average for CBs.
3. The aim of this memorandum is to notify all clubs within the D&W CB of this trend and to request that all managers and/or coaches brief their players and coaching staff accordingly that this behaviour on or off the field of play is not acceptable. This is of particular concern in the Age Grade game and in Colt's rugby.
4. From the date of this memoranda until further notice, cases of this type of foul play being heard and either accepted or found proven by a D&W Discipline Panel, will result in 2 additional weeks being added to all sanctions as an aggravating factor. This will also include any sanction for disrespect of a Match Official and physical contact/abuse of a Match Official.
5. We will also continue to support our neighbouring CB and Referee Societies by including this additional penalty to any red card given from those societies..

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