

APPENDIX 2: RFU RECOMMENDED SANCTIONS FOR OFFENCES WITHIN THE PLAYING ENCLOSURE

Law No.	Description	Entry Point Based on Scale of Seriousness of the Player's conduct, which constitutes the offending – Lower End (LE), Mid Range (MR), Top End (TE).	Maximum Sanction
6.A.5 10.4(l)	Verbal Abuse of Match Officials	LE – 6 weeks MR – 12 weeks TE 18+weeks	52 weeks
6.A.5 10.4(l)	Physical Abuse of Match Officials	LE – 24 weeks MR – 48 weeks TE 96+ weeks	Life
6.A.5 10.4(l)	Threatening Actions or Words at Match Officials	LE – 12 weeks MR – 24 weeks TE 48+ weeks	260 weeks
10.4(a)	Striking another Player with a hand, arm or fist	LE – 2 weeks MR – 5 weeks TE 8+ weeks	52 weeks
10.4(a)	Striking another Player with the elbow	LE – 2 weeks MR – 5 weeks TE 9+ weeks	52 weeks
10.4(a)	Striking with knee	LE – 3 weeks MR – 8 weeks TE 12+ weeks	52 weeks
10.4(a)	Striking with head	LE – 4 weeks MR – 8 weeks TE 12+ weeks	104 weeks
10.4(b)	Stamping on an Opponent	LE – 2 weeks MR – 5 weeks TE 9+ weeks	52 weeks
10.4(b)	Trampling on an Opponent	LE – 2 weeks MR – 5 weeks TE 9+ weeks	52 weeks
10.4(c)	Kicking an Opponent	LE – 4 weeks MR – 8 weeks TE 12+ weeks	52 weeks
10.4(d)	Tripping an Opponent with the foot/leg	LE – 2 weeks MR – 4 weeks TE 7+weeks	52 weeks
10.4(e)	Dangerous tackling of an Opponent including early or late and including the action known as the "stiff arm tackle"	LE – 2 weeks MR – 6 weeks TE 10+ weeks	52 weeks
10.4(e)	Dangerous tackling of an Opponent including a tackle or attempted tackle above the line of the shoulders even if the tackle starts below the line of the shoulders	LE – 2 weeks MR – 6 weeks TE – 10+ weeks	52 weeks
10.4(f)	Holding, pushing or obstructing an Opponent not holding the ball except in a scrum, ruck or maul	LE – 2 weeks MR – 4 weeks TE 6+ weeks	52 weeks
10.4(f) 10.4(j)	Dangerous charging or obstructing or grabbing of Opponent without the ball, including shouldering	LE – 3 weeks MR – 5 weeks TE 9+weeks	52 weeks
10.4(g)	Dangerous charging or knocking down an Opponent with the ball, including shouldering	LE – 2 weeks MR – 5 weeks TE 9+ weeks	52 weeks
10.4(h)	Tackling, tapping, pushing or pulling an Opponent jumping for the ball in a lineout or in open play	LE – 3 weeks MR – 6 weeks TE – 10+ weeks	52 weeks
10.4(i)	Lifting a Player from the ground and either dropping or driving that Player's head and/or upper body first into the ground whilst the Player's feet are off the ground	LE – 3 weeks MR – 6 weeks TE – 10+ weeks	52 weeks
10.4(j)	Causing a scrum, ruck or maul to collapse	LE – 2 weeks MR – 4 weeks TE 8+ weeks	52 weeks
10.4(l)	Testicle grabbing or twisting or squeezing	LE – 12 weeks MR – 18 weeks TE 24+ weeks	208 weeks
10.4(l)	Biting	LE – 12 weeks MR – 18 weeks TE 24+ weeks	208 weeks
10.4(l)	Contact with Eyes or the Eye Area	LE – 12 weeks MR – 18 weeks TE 24+ weeks	156 weeks
10.4(l)	Spitting at Players	LE – 4 weeks MR – 7 weeks TE 11+ weeks	52 weeks
10.4(l)	Verbal abuse of Players based on Religion, Race, Colour, or National or Ethnic Origin or otherwise	LE – 4 weeks MR – 8 weeks TE 13+ weeks	52 weeks
10.4(l)	Any other acts (not previously referred to) which are contrary to good sportsmanship	LE – 4 weeks MR – 7 weeks TE – 11+ weeks	52 weeks
10.4(l)	2 Yellow Cards in 1 Match	LE – SOS TE – Lower End of the Range for the More Serious of the Yellow Card Offences.	
10.4(l)	Totting Up of 3 Foul Play Yellow Cards Within Season – Applies Only to Levels 1-4	LE – 1 week TE – Lower End of the Range for the Most Serious of the Yellow Card Offences.	

In respect of offences not referred to above, appropriate sanctions may be imposed at the discretion of the relevant Judicial Officer, Disciplinary Committee, Appeal Officer and/or Appeal Committee (as the case may be). Notwithstanding the recommended sanctions in Appendix 1 and/or the provisions of Regulation 17.14 in cases where the player's actions constitute mid range or top end of offending for any type of offence which had the potential to result and, in fact, did result in serious/gross consequences to the health of the victim, the Judicial Officers and/or Disciplinary Committees may impose any period of suspension including a suspension for life.

RECOMMENDED SANCTIONS FOR FIELDING AN UNDER AGE PLAYER

This sanctions table relates to an entry point for the first breach of the regulations. The final sanction may be increased to reflect aggravating features or reduced to reflect mitigating factors (see below). A second breach may include expulsion from the Union.

Classification of breach	Description of classification	Entry point for sanction
Low level breach	U18 player trains with adults without permission. No injury	Suspension of coach/person responsible for training for 4 weeks; and Club reprimanded
Mid level breach	U18 player plays with adults without permission. No injury U18 trains with adults without permission. Injury occurs	Suspension of coach/person responsible for team selection 3 months; and Team suspended from playing for 4 weeks; and Points deducted from club 1 st XV equating to 2 wins (possibly suspended); and Club reprimanded
Mid level breach	U18 player plays with adults without permission. No injury U18 trains with adults without permission. Injury occurs	Suspension of coach/person responsible for team selection 3 months; and Team suspended from playing for 4 weeks; and Points deducted from club 1 st XV equating to 2 wins (possibly suspended); and Club reprimanded
High level breach	U18 player plays with adults without permission. Injury occurs	Suspension of coach/person responsible for team selection for 6 months; and Team suspended from playing for 3 months; and Points deducted from club 1 st XV equating to 4 wins; and Club reprimanded