



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY
RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

Please reply to:

June 2023

AGM Discipline Report 2023 (Adult & Youth)

Dear Bucks RFU & Clubs,

Bucks Discipline Committee had a very busy season, we had a massive increase on previous seasons. We dealt with over 35 cases. It is very disappointing that players and clubs still think it's ok to abuse match officials or dangerous tackle players involving impact with the head. The RFU have amended the tackle height & sanctions so suspect we will see an increase in cases next season unless the RFU training over the summer period helps players, referees and clubs, but not holding my breath.

We had 3 Formal hearings heard by RFU Discipline Team due to seriousness of the cases. These resulted in large Match Bans and clubs getting formal warnings re future behaviour in the 2022/23/24 season. Please be aware that any breaches could result in serious sanctions being issued to club &/or point deductions from 1st XV team.

I also as Youth Discipline Sec dealt with 4 club & 2 school sending offs. Most were dealt with by clubs or Schools, we did have 2 others that were dealt with by a RFU Judicial Officer and RFU Safeguarding Team as it involved in serious injury or inappropriate behaviour by players / coaches.

I would like to thanks Michael Spencer KC, Bucks Discipline Chair, for his help and support this season, been a busy one. Also, Brian Clark who has stood down from being a panel member. Brian has been on the discipline team for over 20yrs, has acted as vice chair on cases and will be missed. On behalf of Bucks Discipline team, we wish him well in his retirement.

	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	CLUB / School	Reg 19 - OFFENCE NUMBER	Reg 19 - OFFENCE	Starting - SANCTION - MATCHES	FINAL - SANCTION - MATCHES
1	David	FRANCIS	Amersham & Chiltern	9.12	Punching or striking with hand, arm (including stiff-arm tackle), elbow or shoulder	6	3
2	Chris	JOYCE	Amersham & Chiltern	9.28	Match Official Abuse	14	9
3	Jamie	TEMPLE	Buckingham	9.12	Contacts with the eye	12	6
4	Ellen	McALEAVY	Buckingham	9.12	Punching or striking with hand, arm (including stiff-arm tackle), elbow or shoulder	2	1
5	Oliver	CATO	Amersham & Chiltern	9.27	2 YELLOW CARDS	2	2
6	XXXX (AGR)	XXXX (AGR)	Gt Marlow School	9.28	Match Official Abuse	4	2
7	Cobie	CHAPMAN	Olney	9.27	2 YELLOW CARDS	2	2
8	Peter	DENTON	Bletchley	9.12	Punching or striking with hand, arm (including stiff-arm tackle), elbow or shoulder	6	3
9	Aisha	THORNTON	Buckingham	9.27	2 YELLOW CARDS	1	1
10	James	TAYLOR	Olney	5.12	Match Official Abuse (Verbal & Physical) involving YMO	40	20 - (10 Suspended to 2023/24)
11	Olly	CALVEY	Milton Keynes	9.27	2 YELLOW CARDS	1	1
12	XXXX (AGR)	XXXX (AGR)	Aylesbury Grammar School / MK RFC	9.13	Dangerous / High Tackle	6	3
13	Craid	MURRAY	High Wycombe	9.27	2 YELLOW CARDS	1	1
14	Michael	FRADGLEY	High Wycombe	9.20	Dangerous Play / High Tackle	6	3
15	William	OUTTEN	High Wycombe	9.13	Dangerous Play / High Tackle	6	4
16	Sean	DENTON	Bletchley	9.12	CITING - Punching or striking with hand or arm	6	5
17	Mike	ABBOTT	Marlow	9.13	CITING - A player must not tackle an opponent early, late, or dangerously.	0 - Citing not proved	0 - Citing not proved
18	Matt	DENNIS	AYLESBURY	9.27	2 YELLOW CARDS	1	1

19	Jade	WALKER	Milton Keynes	9.12	Punching or striking with hand, arm (including stiff-arm tackle), elbow or shoulder	6	3
20	Adam	MITCHELL	Buckingham	9.12	Punching or striking with hand, arm (including stiff-arm tackle), elbow or shoulder	6	4
21	Jordan	SCOTT	Amersham & Chiltern	9.12	Punching or striking with hand, arm (including stiff-arm tackle), elbow or shoulder	2	1
22	Josh	JACKSON	AYLESBURY	9.27	2 YELLOW CARDS	1	1
23	Callum	NEWTON	Amersham & Chiltern	9.27	Enter the field of play to get involved in an incident before yellow card had been served	4	3
24	Sean	DENTON	Bletchley	9.12	Striking with Head	UNDER A FULL PLAYING BAN (until attends a hearing)	UNDER A FULL PLAYING BAN (until attends a hearing)
25	Tom	BIRD	Marlow	9.13	Dangerous Play / High Tackle	6	3
26	Lewis	BARNETT	Milton Keynes	9.28	A player must not disrespect the authority of a Match Official	4	2
27	James	BUCKLAND	AYLESBURY	9.11	Players must not do anything that is reckless or dangerous to others - Dangerous twisting an opposition players leg in a ruck or maul	2	1
28	Matthew	ROSS	Bletchley	9.28	A player must not verbally abuse a Match Official. Verbal abuse includes, but is not limited to, abuse based on: religion, colour, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation.	6	3
29	Angus	McCLEMENT	Risborough	9.13	A player must not tackle an opponent early, late, or dangerously. Dangerous tackling includes, but is not limited to, tackling, or attempting to tackle an opponent above the line of the shoulders even if the tackle starts below the line of the shoulders.	6	3
30	XXXX (AGR)	XXXX (AGR)	Olney	9.12	Punching or striking with hand, arm (including stiff-arm tackle), elbow or shoulder	4	2
31	Heather	BARNES	Buckingham	9.13	Dangerous Play / High Tackle	6	3 (Weeks)
32	XXXX (AGR)	XXXX (AGR)	Beaconsfield	9.27	2 YELLOW CARDS	SOS	SOS

33	XXXX (AGR)	XXXX (AGR)	Amersham & Chiltern	9.16	A player must not tackle an opponent early, late, or dangerously. Dangerous tackling includes, but is not limited to, tackling, or attempting to tackle an opponent above the armpits even if the tackle starts below the armpits.	2	1
34	William	OUTTEN	High Wycombe	9.27	2 YELLOW CARDS	2	1
35	Callum	Jackson	Olney	9.28	Match Official Abuse (Disrespect) - YMO	6	3 - (1 game carried over to 23/24 season)
36	Cobie	CHAPMAN	Olney	9.27	2 YELLOW CARDS	3	3 - (1 game carried over to 23/24 season)
37	Brett	CHOWNS	AYLESBURY	9.28	Abandoned game due to Match Official Abuse (Disrespect) - SPECTATOR	1	1

The RFU Discipline Conference is in September, I will be attending with other panel members. There will be some changes to sanctions etc & I will feed back to CB & Clubs re changes for the 2023/2024 season asap after the conference.

As previously offered, if any club would like a visit, presentation, or discussion re Discipline, please contact me to arrange.

Many thanks

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