



Rugby Club Consortium (RCC)

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On and Off Pitch Behavior at Rugby Games

World Rugby, the United Arab Emirates Rugby Federation and the Rugby Club Consortium do not tolerate any form of verbal abuse, of any person at its rugby games. We do not tolerate any physical interactions that happen outside of the Laws of the game, at our games. And any person who breaches those Laws will be held to account.

Match Official Abuse

This issue has been spoken about at length – locally and internationally. Match Official abuse is not acceptable. Any person found abusing a Match Official - player, coach, or supporter - will face a World Rugby Judicial Hearing with an independent Judicial Officer.

Swearing

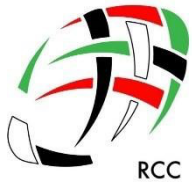
Whilst we may have heard swearing or others using bad language, it is not part of our game, and we will not accept it. As players, coaches, parents, and supporters it is our responsibility to educate all in our game on appropriate language to be used on a sports field. This applies to children and adults – players, coaches, parents, and supporters.

Red Cards

If you receive a Red card from a UAERF Match Official, you will be required to have a World Rugby independent judicial hearing. The cost of which will be billed to your club, or your personally. The Judicial Officer will hear the case and make a ruling in line with World Rugby recommendations.

If you receive a Ref Card from a non UAERF Match Official, you will be sanctioned by your own club, with a report & sanctioning details submitted to the RCC for review and approval. Report & sanctioning details are due to the RCC within 96 hours of the Game. Failure to do so will result in the player being suspended for the remainder of the season, at a minimum.

All Red Cards are to be reported to the RCC within 24 hours of occurring.



Please see the below Table for recommended sanctions.

Sanction Guidelines:

1 match = 1 match weekend/ Match round, where its sevens the 1 Match = 1 tournament

The minimum sanction for a Red Card is one Match for U15's and below, and for all other age groups it is 2 matches.

	Low End	Mid-Range	High End
Law:	Players must not anything that is reckless or Dangerous to others		
U9 - U16	1 match	2 matches	4+ matches
U18 - Seniors	2 matches	4 matches	6+ matches
Law:	Players must not physically abuse anyone		
Biting	4 Matches	8 Matches	12+ matches
Intentional eye contact	4 Matches	8 Matches	12+ matches
Reckless eye contact	2 matches	4 matches	6+ matches
Punching or striking with hand or arm including stiff arm tackle	2 matches	4 matches	6+ matches
Striking with elbow, should or head	2 matches	4 matches	6+ matches
Striking with knee, stamping, tramping or kicking	4 Matches	8 Matches	12+ matches
Tripping	2 matches	4 matches	6+ matches
Law:	Players must not verbally Abuse anyone		
All Age Groups, Coaches, Managers and Spectators	4 Matches	8 Matches	12+ matches
Law:	Dangerous, Late, or early tackles, or tackling a player in the air		
All Age Groups	2 matches	4 matches	6+ matches
Law:	A player must not do anything that is against the spirit of good sportsmanship, including but not limited to:		
Spitting	2 matches	4 matches	6+ matches
Hair Pulling / Grabbing	2 matches	4 matches	6+ matches
Grabbing twisting or squeezing of genitals and or breasts	4 matches	6 matches	10+ matches
Other	4 matches	6 matches	10+ matches
Law:	A player may not verbally abuse, make physical contact with, or threaten a Match Official		
All Age Groups, Coaches, Managers and Spectators	4 Matches	8 Matches	12+ matches