

FOOTBALL DEBT RECOVERY SCHEME

This Association receives numerous requests from clubs for assistance in retrieving monies from players who owe them money for disciplinary fines and match fees etc. In the past Norfolk under their own memorandum of disciplinary procedures has assisted many Clubs in retrieving monies from players who owed money to their Clubs and in most cases did not register for them the following season.

The Football Association has now brought in a system called **The Football Debt Recovery Scheme**. This supersedes the system we were using.

I would remind you that although 'the Club' is responsible for paying players disciplinary monies to the County FA they **MUST** then request payment to the individual. If he/she fails to reimburse the Club within 28 days of the debt being incurred you must then advise the County FA. This must be within 56 days of formal payment being requested. We would then write to the player and advise him/her that he/she will be permanently suspended from all football should the debt not be paid within 21 days of the letter sent by the County FA. This is accordance with FA Discipline Procedures Rule 14.

It is no good waiting to the end of the season like many Clubs have done requesting suspension of players who in good faith have said they will reimburse the Club but have left to join another team and have failed to pay monies owed. In view that a lot of this is done in hearsay we need a copy of the original letter of correspondence sent to the player requesting payment.



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