



The age grade discipline process in schools and colleges

The Constituent Body Age Grade Discipline Secretary (CBAGS) is the person appointed by the CB who has experience dealing with Age Grade matters.

Match in which sent off or cited	Responsibility for the hearing of the player	Sanction to be applied	Hearing outcome notified within 48 hours to
Any Age Grade match U13 or below	Age Grade Players Coach	Education focused approach in conjunction with appropriate sanctions	n/a
U14 – U18 player in a School/ College Match	Head Teacher / Principal	RFU SANCTION TABLE TO BE APPLIED IN ALL CASES	CBAGDS*
U14 – U18 Player in a Club Match	Club Age Grade Discipline Panel		CBAGDS*
U14 – U18 Player in an Academy Match	Club Academy Manager		CBAGDS*
U14-U18 Representative Match	CBAGDS or NAGDS makes arrangements		NAGDS or RFU Head of Discipline

*Constituent Body Age Grade Discipline Secretary (CBAGDS) contact details available from local Constituent Body, England Rugby Football Schools Union (ERFSU) or England Colleges Rugby Football Union (ERCFU)

1. Ordering off (red cards)

Thankfully, few Age Grade players are ordered off in school and colleges matches. However, if a player receives a red card and is ordered off, **it is the responsibility of the Head Teacher or Principal** (or delegated member of staff) to deal with such incidents.

2. Provisional suspension

It is important to remember that from the moment the player is ordered off the field, they are provisionally suspended from all forms of rugby until the disciplinary matter has been dealt with.

3. Reporting

For under 14 players and above, upon receipt of the match officials report the matter must be reported to the CBAGDS within 48 hours. For under 13 players and below, the matter should be dealt with internally, using an education focused approach to any sanction.

4. The hearing

For under 14 players and above, the school or college will have their own way of conducting disciplinary meetings. However, to ensure consistency within the Game, the RFU procedures must be followed. The CBAGDS and the ERFSU discipline secretary can offer advice and guidance on interpreting the sanction table if required.

5. Findings, sanctions and appeals

When the offence is admitted or proven, any suspension imposed must be in accordance with the RFU Age Grade sanction table. In addition, a non-rugby related sanction may be imposed, if felt appropriate. Reporting the outcome of the hearing to the CBAGDS within 48 hours is essential as any playing suspension applies to all of the players forthcoming matches (including any club, regional academy or representative team). Sanctions applied will be reviewed by the CBAGDS who may direct that the school or college review the matter. If a player wishes to appeal this should be dealt with by the school or colleges' own internal procedures. There is no right of appeal to the CB or RFU.

The full Age Grade Discipline Regulation 19, Appendix 6 and sanction table can be found [here](#).

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