

TEAM OFFICIALS SANCTIONS

WARN (replaces ASK):

The following offenses should usually result in a warning; repeated/blatant offenses should result in a caution or sending-off:

- Entering the field of play in a respectful/ non-confrontational manner
- Failing to cooperate with a match official (ignoring an instruction/request from an assistant referee or the fourth official)
- Minor/low-level disagreement (by word or action) with a decision
- Occasionally leaving the boundaries of the technical area without committing another offense

CAUTION (replaces TELL):

Caution offenses include (but are not limited to):

- Clearly/persistently not respecting the boundaries of their team's technical area
- Delaying the restart of play by their team
- Deliberately entering the technical area of the opposing team (non-confrontational)
- Dissent by word or action including:
 - Throwing/kicking drinks bottles or other objects
 - Gestures which show a clear lack of respect for the match officials (e.g. sarcastic clapping)
- Excessively/persistently gesturing for a red or yellow card
- Gesturing or acting in a provocative or inflammatory manner
- Persistent unacceptable behavior (including repeated warning offenses)
- Showing a lack of respect for the game

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SENDING-OFF (replaces DISMISS):

Sending-off offenses include (but are not limited to):

- Delaying restart of play by the opposing team (holding onto ball, kicking ball away, obstructing the movement of a player)
- Deliberately leaving the technical area to:
 - Show dissent toward, or argue/dispute with, a match official
 - Act in a provocative or inflammatory manner
- Enter the opposing technical area in an aggressive or confrontational manner
- Deliberately kicking/throwing an object onto the field of play
- Entering the field of play to:
 - Confront a match official (including at half-time and full-time)
 - Interfere with play, an opposing player or a match official
- Physical or aggressive behavior (including spitting or biting) toward an opposing player, substitute, team official, match official, spectator or any other person (ball boy/girl, security or competition official, etc.)
- Receiving a second caution in the same match
- Using offensive, insulting or abusive language or gestures
- Using unauthorized electronic or communication equipment and/or behaving in an inappropriate manner as a result of using such equipment
- Violent conduct

Offenses where an object (or the ball) is thrown:

- Reckless – caution the offender for unsporting behavior
- Using excessive force – send off the offender for violent conduct