

Temporary Dismissals/ Sin Bins Trial

The Duchy league has been accepted as a trial league for “Temporary Dismissals” during the 2017-8 season.

This trial will only be for acts of dissent. A player is sin binned for 10 minutes so that the player’s team receives some form of sanction on the day of the offence. An administration fee/fine of £10 is then not issued for these cases.

I list the major bullet points for your understanding.

- There were 69,000 cases of cautions for dissent in England last season.
- This equates to 24% of all cautions.
- The referee will still report a C2 charge for players that he sin bins and this will remain as part of the disciplinary totting up process for the individual players and clubs.

How It Will Work

- Referees must use the sin bin for all cases of dissent.
- Only players on the field of play will be sanctioned in this way. Substitutes or coaches would be treated as they would currently be if deemed necessary by the referee
- The referee issues a yellow card and points to the touchline.
- The player must leave the field of play. There is no designated area but it would be expected that the player would go to where the coach and substitutes are and it is hoped that they would help the player cool down.
- The period of sin bin will be 10 minutes actual playing time. If a team tries to waste time to try and run down the period, the referee will add on any additional time.
- The referee is the sole arbiter of time. An assistant may aid him if requested but the referee has the final say on the completion of the sin bin.
- A player will be waived onto the pitch by the referee when his period has ended. There does not need to be a break in play to waive them back on.
- A player sin binned cannot be substituted until the period has ended.
- A goalkeeper sin binned can return as an outfield player if waived on by the referee but would not be able to return to goal until a break in play. (Bit of a lash up to me, but probably the only way it could work)
- A sin bin late in the first half would roll over for the appropriate time into the second half.
- If at the end of a game a penalty shootout is required a player sin binned would be eligible to take part in the penalty shootout as the game is deemed to have been completed even if there is outstanding time on the sin bin.

Repeat Offenders

- If a player commits another yellow or red card offence whilst in the bin, in other words continuing with dissent, they will take no further part in a match and they cannot be substituted.
- If a player commits a Yellow Card offence for foul play either before or after a sin bin they would not be sent off although the player’s record will record two cautions.
- If a player commits a second dissent caution they will receive a second period in the sin bin and that player will take no further part in the game. At the end of the second ten minute time in the bin the player could then be substituted.

Our one major issue is that all clubs must use the Whole Game System to record all disciplinary cases and there are some that don't which will need to be resolved.

I invite any comments or queries which I will answer if I can or if not seek clarification.

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