



DISMISSALS FROM THE TECHNICAL AREA

The League Management Committee are concerned over the number of personnel that have been dismissed from the technical area and their behaviour once having been removed. We have enquired to The Football Association as to the powers open to the League in such matters and received the following response:

The minimum requirement under the Laws of the Game is that any person dismissed from the Technical Area are removed from the Technical Area and stand away from the Technical Area in an area where they cannot view the game.

However, the Football Regulatory Authority in 2012 gave authority to Leagues to apply a policy for matches that fall under their jurisdiction to outline where a person removed should stand. The Football Conference for example insist that they go to the changing rooms or leave the ground.

So, in short, if a League wished to apply a policy that outlined where they are to go, this is enforceable and supported by The Football Association.

It should also be mentioned that failure to comply with any such Policy Directive issued by a League will result in the Club being charged for a breach of League Rule 4.3

Mark Ives (Disciplinary Manager) The Football Association – 2nd January 2014.

POLICY DIRECTIVE RE: DISMISSALS FROM THE TECHNICAL AREA

For matches played under the Rules and Regulations of The North West Counties Football League. The League Management Committee will not accept any lack of respect shown towards the Match Officials.

Any person who is dismissed from the Technical Area/Dugout Area by the referee should leave the field of play and its vicinity immediately.

He/she should either remain in the changing rooms or leave the ground. It is not permissible for this person to have any contact or dialogue with the Match Officials during or after the game. This includes anywhere within the ground and its surrounding area, ie: car park/s or at any hospitality on another site.

Any failure to comply with the above Policy Directive will result in the Club being charged in accordance with League Rule 4.3

The **Chair of the Club concerned** must also report in writing to the League Respect Coordinator, within seven days of the offence, the following:

1. What action has been taken against the individual by the Club.
2. What action the Club has taken to ensure that this does not happen again.

By order of the Management Committee