

FA Respect Sanctions

Over recent years the Football Association has been promoting **Respect** both on and off the pitch with the aim to improve discipline and promote good behaviour from Players, Clubs and all Participants who are involved in the game.



A system is now in place, known as **Respect Sanctions**, which affects all **teams** who operate at step 5-7 and those outside the National League System, including youth football. In effect, these sanctions apply to all **Buntingford Town FC** teams.

Offences which are covered by these sanctions are:

- Cautions for Dissent (C2)
- Sendings-off for use of offensive, insulting or abusive language (S6)
- Misconduct charges (E3)

These offences are noted by the Herts FA during a season for each team; once certain thresholds are reached the club receives a fine from the Herts FA. This fine rises as more offences are recorded:

	Stage 1 (ACCUMULATION OF 6 OFFENCES)	Stage 2 (ACCUMULATION OF 10 OFFENCES)	Stage 3 (ACCUMULATION OF 15 OFFENCES)	Stage 4 (ACCUMULATION OF 20 OFFENCES)
Step 5	Warning as to future conduct	£150	£300	Charge under FA Rule E20 – Failure to control Players
Step 6 & 7	Warning as to future conduct	£75	£150	Charge under FA Rule E20 – Failure to control Players
Outside NLS (including Youth)	Warning as to future conduct	£50	£100	Charge under FA Rule E20 – Failure to control Players

(N.B. Any team exceeding Stage 4 will receive an automatic charge of FA Rule E20 – Failure to control Players for each subsequent 5 qualifying offences)

Buntingford Town FC supports the FA's Respect initiative and expects its members to do so as well.

In order to discourage its members from incurring such charges, **any member who receives any of the above offences** will be issued a club fine of £5 for the first offence; a second offence will result in a £10 fine, a third £15, a fourth £20 etc. These fines will be in addition to any fine imposed on the member by the Herts FA for the offence.

The club is held by the FA as being responsible for the behaviour of its members and fines it accordingly. Ultimately however, it is the responsibility of each of our members to behave in an acceptable manner; act with respect and you will avoid a club fine. The club expects appropriate behaviour from its members.

To conclude, the respect fines are issued by the club:

- To discourage the above offences
- To offset the cost of any fines imposed on the club by the Herts FA due to inappropriate actions by its members.