



**The FA Group**

## **Competition Specific Sanctions for Caution Offences in FA Competitions**

Following a period of consultation with Stakeholders, it was agreed to make the totting up of caution offences in some Competitions specific only to those Competitions.

The caution count threshold will be Competition specific for the following FA Competitions and only cautions in those Competitions will count towards the totting up for suspensions in those specific Competitions.

- FA Cup
- FA Trophy
- FA Vase

Following consultation with the Competitions department the FA Competition caution thresholds are approved as follows:

### **FA Cup**

Every 2 yellow cards up to and including 3<sup>rd</sup> Round Qualifying – 1 match suspension

Yellow card count gets cleared after 3<sup>rd</sup> Round Qualifying

Every 2 yellow cards from 4<sup>th</sup> Qualifying Round to Quarter Finals – 1 match suspension

Totting up process ceases after Quarter Finals

### **FA Trophy**

Every 2 yellow cards up to and including 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Qualifying – 1 match suspension

Yellow card count gets cleared after 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Qualifying

Every 2 yellow cards from 3<sup>rd</sup> Qualifying Round to Quarter Finals – 1 match suspension

Totting up process ceases after Quarter Finals

### **FA Vase**

Every 2 yellow cards up to and including Quarter Finals – 1 match suspension

Totting up process ceases after Quarter Finals

Any suspension unserved for the totting up process of cautions only is not carried over to that Competition the following season and the suspension will be cleared.

### **Note**

1. Details of any player suspended as a result of the totting up process will be recorded in the relevant Competition bulletin issued by the Competitions Department.
2. The 5/10/15 caution totting up process in League matches will not include any cautions for the above Competitions and any player under a suspension for the League totting up process will still be eligible for the Cup Competitions during that period of suspension.
3. Clubs remain responsible for ensuring players are free from any suspension before participating in any fixture.
4. Red Card and Misconduct Offences remain unaffected from this change and are not Competition Specific.

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