

## New FA Penalty Points System 2024/25

The Football Association (FA) uses penalty points to identify and address teams that are involved in behavioural offenses.

From 2024/25 the updated penalty points system will focus upon behavioural offences with points being attributed to teams for offences that are behavioural based, such as dissent, violent conduct or threatening behaviour.

TYPE OF OFFENCE / PROVEN CHARGE	PENALTY POINTS INCURRED
<b>Cautionable Offences</b>	
Dissent	4 penalty points
<b>Sending-Off Offences</b>	
Spitting at an opponent or any other person (other than a Match Official)	10 penalty points (previously 7)
Violent conduct	7 penalty points (previously 6)
Using offensive, insulting, or abusive language and/or gestures	7 penalty points (previously 4)
Receiving a second caution in the same Match (but only where both cautions are for dissent)	6 penalty points (to be incurred in addition to the penalty points incurred in respect of the first caution for dissent) (previously 3)
<b>Charges</b>	
Proven Charge	5 - 10 penalty points (at the discretion of the Disciplinary Commission) or 7-10 penalty points (at the discretion of the Disciplinary Commission where the Charge is determined by The FA's National Serious Case Panel)

## Accumulation of Penalty Points

When a threshold of accumulated penalty points is reached, bespoke support will be provided to the club, and they will be asked to evidence steps that are being taken to tackle their poor behaviour.

Ultimately, ongoing accumulation of penalty points can lead to removal of England Football Accreditation or even the removal of a team from a competition.

Accumulation will be as follows:

1. Where a team accumulates 25 penalty points during a playing season, that team's club will be issued with a warning to improve its disciplinary record.
2. Where a team accumulates 50 penalty points during a playing season, a fine of £75 shall be imposed on that team's club
3. If a team accumulates 100 penalty points during a playing season, a charge shall be issued against that team's club and, where proven, the following sanctions may be imposed:
  - A fine
  - The imposition of an action plan
  - The suspension or cancellation of that team's affiliation and/or England Football accreditation status
  - An order that a subsequent charge may be brought against the club if the same team accumulates a specified number of additional penalty points or fails to adhere to the action plan.