

# SANCTION GUIDELINES

## 2023/24



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OFFENCE/BREACH OF GROUND REGULATIONS	RECOMMENDED SANCTION	NOTES
<p><b>LEVEL 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Drunkenness in/around Stadium</li> <li>– Persistent standing</li> <li>– Smoking (inc e-cigarettes) inside Stadium</li> <li>– Misuse of a ticket</li> </ul>	Written warning	<p>1. These sanctions are a guide only, and the list is not exhaustive. The Club/KSDL retains the discretion to impose alternative sanctions depending on the circumstances. They are independent of any other investigation and/or sanctions that may be imposed by third parties (e.g. the Police or other relevant authorities). The Club/KSDL may provide information to these bodies where appropriate.</p> <p>2. The Club/KSDL reserve the right to change this guide without prior notice. Should changes be made, the newest guide will be published on htafc.com.</p> <p>3. Following an offence, the individual will be written to with the imposed sanction, and will be given the opportunity to put forward their version of events. A decision will be made as to whether the sanction is upheld or not, and this will be communicated to the individual. Nearing the end of the imposed sanction, an appointment will be made for the individual to meet with the KSDL Safety Officer and HTAFC Operations Director.</p> <p>This meeting may also include the attendance of the Club's Dedicated Football Officer from West Yorkshire Police. In most cases the individual will be required to sign an Appropriate Behaviour Agreement before any exclusion is lifted.</p> <p>4. An individual can appeal in writing within 14 consecutive days following the issue of the letter informing the individual of the imposed sanction. An appeal will be heard by an Appeal Board consisting of a senior member of KSDL staff and HTAFC Management teams. Any exclusion will continue until the outcome has been reached.</p> <p>The decision of the Appeal Board <b>will be final</b>.</p>
<p><b>LEVEL 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Abusive, foul or aggressive language and/or behaviour</li> <li>– Damaging/defacing property</li> <li>– Drinking/possession of alcohol in view of the pitch</li> <li>– Repetition of a Level 1 offence</li> </ul>	One to six game exclusion	
<p><b>LEVEL 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Throwing of any object within the Stadium, or its footprint</li> <li>– Pitch encroachment</li> <li>– Use or possession of any prohibited items, as per ground regulations</li> <li>– Ticket touting (where tickets are or are reasonably suspected of being transferred or re-sold including advertising or offering to do so) in breach of ticket T&amp;Cs</li> <li>– Repetition of a Level 1-2 offence</li> </ul>	Six match exclusion ranging to indefinite exclusion, of a suggested minimum of one year	
<p><b>LEVEL 4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Abusive, aggressive, or threatening behaviour towards staff or anyone else in a working capacity</li> <li>– Assault on any persons in the Stadium or its footprint - home or away</li> <li>– Any other criminal activity</li> <li>– Any other breach of Ground regulations not already specified</li> <li>– Use or possession of pyrotechnics - home or away</li> <li>– Repetition of a Level 1-3 offence</li> </ul>	12 match exclusion ranging to indefinite exclusion of a suggested minimum of one year	
<p><b>LEVEL 5</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Racist, homophobic, or discriminatory language or behaviour including sexual harassment</li> <li>– Repetition of a Level 1-4 offence</li> </ul>	12 match exclusion ranging to indefinite exclusion of a suggested minimum of one year	



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<p><b>OTHER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A Police sanction or arrest at a home or away match, any other offence, an ejection at an away match</li> <li>- Any behaviours which may bring the name of the Football Club into disrepute</li> </ul>	<p>Reviewed on an individual basis but will range from a six game to an indefinite exclusion</p>	<p>5. Where it is considered appropriate, the Club may offer an education course as part of the sanction process, and this will be communicated to the individual concerned in writing in the first instance.</p>
<p><b>OTHER – SOCIAL MEDIA</b></p> <p>Posts that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Seriously and directly contravene our Club values,</li> <li>- Do so in a way which we believe will or could bring the Club into disrepute, and</li> <li>- Can be reasonably identified as originating from known supporter(s) of the Club</li> </ul>	<p>Reviewed on an individual basis but could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Blocking the individuals or groups from following our official accounts</li> <li>- Banning the individuals or groups from attending Huddersfield Town FC matches</li> <li>- Offering an education course to individuals or groups as part of the sanction process</li> <li>- Reporting the individuals or groups to the social media platform and to the Police if we feel a crime has been committed</li> </ul>	<p>6. Individuals arrested at a home or away match will not be permitted access to any home or away matches, and their ticket facilities will be suspended until the outcome of the Police investigation is concluded. This includes any circumstances where the individual has been required to leave an area by the Police. This includes any time pending a court appearance (or potential court appearance if admitted to bail), the outcome of any criminal or civil proceedings and includes awaiting the result of any complaints made against the Police as a result of the arrest.</p>

