

Temporary dismissals – further guidance

How should temporary dismissals be recorded on the match card?

A temporary dismissal is recorded as a T on the match card. Two temporary dismissals for the same player should be recorded as TT. A player who receives a combination of temporary dismissal and caution/send-off sanctions should have both recorded next to their name on the match card – for example, a player who receives a TD followed by a caution for unsporting behaviour can have this recorded as T/Y1 in the offence column. If there is insufficient room alongside the players name then a recording is to be made in the comments box at the bottom of the match card (Club name: Shirt number, T followed by time).

What happens to a player who is removed from the match through a temporary dismissal (ie. they receive two TDs or a YC while serving a TD)?

A player removed from the match through either receiving a second temporary dismissal or a yellow card while serving a temporary dismissal should be treated the same as a substituted player. They may not return to the field of play but may remain in the Technical Area for the duration of the match. They may be issued yellow and red cards if they commit either a cautionable or sending-off offence after having been removed from the match.

What happens if a player commits a further offence between being sanctioned with a temporary dismissal and the TD period starting?

The temporary dismissal period only begins once the player has left the field of play and play has been restarted.

If a player commits a further dissent offence after receiving a TD but before their TD period has commenced, the player is to be sanctioned with a second TD and therefore take no further part in the match once the new TD period has been completed. The player will only serve one temporary dismissal period of 10 minutes in these circumstances.

A player who commits any other cautionable offence after being temporarily dismissed but before beginning the TD period will receive a caution but may continue to play after serving their temporary dismissal period, unless it is their second caution of the match.

What happens if a substitute or substituted player commits an act of dissent?

Temporary dismissals do not apply to substitutes or substituted players. Therefore, dissent by a substitute or substituted player should still be sanctioned by a caution.

How does play restart after a temporary dismissal is issued?

If the ball was out of play when the temporary dismissal was issued, play is restarted as normal in accordance with what the previous stoppage was (ie. ball out of play over touchline – throw-in).



If play is stopped to issue a temporary dismissal, play should be restarted with an indirect free kick to the opposing team from the place where the dissent offence was committed (see Law 13 for further guidance).

How should time lost to stoppages during a temporary dismissal period be managed?

Referees should always be proactive in keeping delays in the match to a minimum.

In Capital League Reserves, matches do not feature stoppage time so the temporary dismissal period cannot have time added to it to make up for time lost to stoppages.

In Capital League, any time that would be added to the end of the half to make up for time lost to stoppages should also be added to any temporary dismissals being served where these stoppages occur.

