

RULE 5 - AGGRESSIVE FOULS

Category II Infractions

- 5.1 To strike or attempt to strike an opponent with arm, elbow, hand or knee.
- 5.2 To kick or attempt to kick an opponent, with minimal force.
- 5.3 To behave in any way which is dangerous to an opponent.
- 5.4 To spit at an opponent.
- 5.5 To contribute to a melee.
- 5.6 To use abusive language to a Referee, Umpire, Linesman or Sideline Official.

Category III Infractions

- 5.7 To strike or attempt to strike an opponent with the head.
- 5.8 To kick an opponent either with force or causing injury.
- 5.9 To attempt to kick an opponent, with force.
- 5.10 To stamp on an opponent.
- 5.11 To inflict injury recklessly on an opponent by means other than those stated above.
- 5.12 To assault an opposing Team Official.75

Category IV Infractions

- 5.13 To interfere with a Referee, Umpire, Linesman or Sideline Official - minor physical interference e.g. laying a hand on, pushing, pulling or jostling.
- 5.14 To use threatening language to a Referee, Umpire, Linesman or Sideline Official.
- 5.15 To use threatening or abusive conduct towards a Referee, Umpire, Linesman or Sideline Official.

Category V Infractions

- 5.16 To strike or attempt to strike, or any type of assault on, a Referee, Umpire, Linesman or Sideline Official.

PENALTY FOR THE ABOVE FOULS -

- (i) Order offender off.
- (ii) Free kick from where the foul occurred

except as provided under Exceptions of Rule 2.2.

5.17 To commit any of the fouls listed in Rule 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.7, 5.8, 5.9, 5.10 and 5.11 against a team-mate.

PENALTY -

(i) Order offender off.

(ii) Throw in the ball where the foul occurred except as provided under Exceptions of Rule 2.2. 76

5.18 To commit any of the fouls listed in Rule 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.7, 5.8, 5.9, 5.10 and 5.11 on an opponent on the field prior to the start of the game or at half-time.

PENALTY - Offender shall be treated as ordered off and shall not participate (or further participate) in the game.

Note - Once the Referee has received the list of players, or a substitution/temporary replacement slip which includes the offender's name, the player may not be substituted.

For Information Purposes only

Suspensions for above Infractions are governed by Rule 7.2 - Infractions, Official Guide, Part 1.

As a guide, the suspensions, in part, are outlined below:

Category II

Minimum: 4 weeks Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, inclusive of the next Game in the same Competition of that Competition Year, even if that Game falls outside the Suspension time period.

Exceptions (on trial basis)

In cases arising from the 2012 National Leagues and All-Ireland Senior Championships, the above Penalties shall be substituted by:

(i) Minimum: One Match Ban in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next game of the National League or Senior Championship, even if that game occurs in 2013.

(ii) Minimum on Repeat Infraction: Two Match Bans in the same Code and at the same level, applicable to the next games of the National League or Senior Championship, even if one or both games occur in 2013.

Category III

Minimum: 8 weeks Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, inclusive of the next Game in the same Competition of that Competition Year, even if that Game falls outside the Suspension time period.

Exceptions (on trial basis)

In cases arising from 2012 National Leagues and All-Ireland Senior Championships, the above Penalties shall be substituted by:

(i) Minimum: Two Match Bans in the same Code and at the same level, applicable to the next game of the National League or Senior Championship, even if one or both games occur in 2013.

(ii) Minimum on Repeat Infraction: Three Match Bans in the same Code and at the same level, applicable to the next games of the National League or Senior Championship, even if one or more of the games occur in 2013.

Category IV

Minimum: 12 weeks Suspension in all Codes and at all Levels.

Category V

Minimum: 48 weeks Suspension in all Codes and at all Levels, with offender's Team liable to Disqualification, where appropriate.