

# Sanctions against Persistent Misbehaviour

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On the 1st August the ETTA Ltd introduced a new sanction scheme to control player misbehaviour.

Every player will start with a 'clean sheet' from the 1st August 2012.

A player who is formally warned or penalised by an umpire for bad behaviour will incur 1 "penalty mark" on each occasion, and disqualification by a referee will incur 2 penalty marks. If a player incurs 5 penalty marks within a twelve month period his right to play Competitive Table Tennis (including local league), or to be selected to represent Table Tennis England, will be suspended for a period of one month.

If in the twelve months following a first suspension he incurs 3 penalty marks, a further suspension of one month will be imposed. If in the twelve months following a second suspension he incurs 3 penalty marks, a further suspension of one month will be imposed. If in the twelve months following a third suspension he incurs 3 penalty marks, a further suspension of three months will be imposed.

If a player who is under suspension takes part in Competitive Table Tennis an additional Suspension of six months will be imposed.

A player's record of penalty marks will be set to zero at the end of a suspension.

The Tournaments Committee will maintain a record of all penalty marks incurred in competitions under the jurisdiction of Table Tennis England or of Organisations in Good Standing, and in competitions in which a player is representing Table Tennis England. As soon as a player becomes liable to suspension the starting date and the expected end date of the suspension period will be notified to the player, the Organisers and Referees of events that are scheduled during that period, the player's County Association and the Local League or Leagues for which he is registered

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