

# **NEFL Abusive Language Policy**

Simply put, the policy represents a punishment for swearing. A Field umpire shall **FIRST CAUTION** a player for Swearing or making Unsporting Remarks if:

1. The Field umpire hears the player swear and can identify that player; or
2. If the swearing is considered to be self-directed, and
3. If the swearing is audible to spectators outside the playing arena.

If the player, who has previously been cautioned, continues to swear, the Field umpire shall:

1. Pay a free kick against the offending player; and
2. The Field umpire can if they deem it to be serious enough, yellow card the player and send the player off for 10 minutes and
3. Report the player if the Field umpires believes the offence falls under;
  - a) 19.2.2(c), Using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language towards or in relation to an umpire
  - b) 19.2.2 (d), Behaving in an abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene manner towards or in relation to an Umpire or
  - c) 19.2.2 (m), Using abusive, insulting, threatening or obscene language.

**NOTE:** The Field umpire does **NOT** have to Caution a player (s) if the abuse is directed towards the Umpire (s).

The North Eastern Football League may alter this policy at any time for the betterment of sport.

The North Eastern Football League may make any other determination they are allowed to make under the relevant Regulations / By Laws.