



## Disciplinary FAQ

### **1. Disciplinary rules – accumulation of yellow cards**

- Yellow card limits are set per competition e.g. Competition A will have its own yellow card limit, Competition B will have its own yellow card limit and so on...
- The accumulated yellow card counter is set to zero at end of every season
- Player yellow card thresholds per competition:
  - League competitions:
    - 5 yellow cards = 1 game suspension
    - 10 yellow cards = 2 game suspension
    - 15 yellow cards = 3 games suspension
  - Cup competitions:
    - 2 yellow cards = 1 game suspension
    - 4 yellow cards = 1 game suspension
    - 6 yellow cards = 1 game suspension
- Coach and team officials yellow card thresholds per competition:
  - League competitions:
    - 3 yellow cards = 1 game suspension
    - 6 yellow cards = 2 game suspension
    - 9 yellow cards = 3 games suspension
  - Cup competitions:
    - 2 yellow cards = 1 game suspension
    - 4 yellow cards = 1 game suspension
    - 6 yellow cards = 1 game suspension
- **Yellow card suspensions are then served in the relevant competition**, and the player is then free to play in any other competition until such time as he/she reaches the yellow card threshold for that competition at which time he/she would then be suspended in that other competition and so on....

## 2. Disciplinary rules - red cards

### - FAW competitions:

- Suspensions in FAW competitions are **competition specific**.
- It means that whenever a player is sent off playing in an FAW competition, he/she is then only suspended from playing in that **specific competition**. The player is free to play in any other competition.
- When a player is sent off, the system knows which team the player was playing in (each Team has its own unique COMET ID) and in which competition (each competition has its own unique COMET ID).
- The system then automatically calculates how the suspension is served and automatically takes into account the future matches played by that team in that specific competition.
- When the status of this next match is moved to PLAYED on COMET, the system automatically reduces the outstanding suspension by one game. Please note that if a match status remains at SCHEDULED, it means that the player's suspension will not be reduced until the status is moved to PLAYED by the referee or competition organiser.
- If you have any queries in relation discipline in FAW competitions, then please contact [discipline@faw.co.uk](mailto:discipline@faw.co.uk)

### - Area Association competitions (Tiers 4 and below):

- For competitions affiliated to an Area Association (and not to the FAW), the suspensions are **age category specific** within the relevant Area Association.
- For example, if a player is sent off playing in an adult league game in a competition that is affiliated to an Area Association, then he/she is then suspended from playing in all adult matches (league and cup) within that same Area Association, until such time as the suspension has been served.
- When a player is sent off, the system knows which team the player was playing in (each Team has its own unique COMET ID) and the team's age category.
- The system then automatically calculates how the suspension is served by taking into account future games (league and cup) played by that team within the same age category.
- When subsequent matches played by that team are moved to status "PLAYED" on COMET, the system then automatically reduces the outstanding suspension by one game. Please note that if a match status remains at SCHEDULED, it means that the player's suspension will not be reduced until the status is moved to PLAYED by the referee or competition organiser.
- If you have any queries in relation to an unserved suspension, please contact your Area Association disciplinary officer. Their email addresses are as follows:
  - i. If the competition is affiliated to SWFA – [discipline@southwalesfa.co.uk](mailto:discipline@southwalesfa.co.uk)
  - ii. If the competition is affiliated to WWFA - [roger.wwfa@hotmail.com](mailto:roger.wwfa@hotmail.com)
  - iii. If the competition is affiliated to GCFA - [Kevin.Jones@gwentfa.co.uk](mailto:Kevin.Jones@gwentfa.co.uk)
  - iv. If the competition is affiliated to CWFA - [pmorgan8@sky.com](mailto:pmorgan8@sky.com)
  - v. If the competition is affiliated to NWCFA - [discipline@nwcfa.org](mailto:discipline@nwcfa.org)
  - vi. If the competition is affiliated to NEWFA - [disciplinewfa@gmail.com](mailto:disciplinewfa@gmail.com)
- Finally, since the suspension is Age Category specific within an Area, the **player would still be eligible to play in any FAW competition** even whilst still being suspended from all of the Area Association competitions.

### 3. What happens to an unserved suspension when a player moves club ?

- When a player transfers clubs, the COMET System allows the FAW to also transfer the player's unserved suspension to the equivalent competition in the player's new club. This takes place at the same time as the player's transfer is confirmed e.g.
  - A player plays for Club A's first team in an adult league competition, gets sent-off and receives a 2-match suspension.
  - The player then wants to move to Club B before the suspension is served.
  - When the player's transfer from Club A to Club B is then processed on COMET, the unserved suspension is also transferred to the player's new club at the same time.
  - The unserved suspension is then allocated against the equivalent competition in Club B (e.g. in this case, it would be transferred to Club B's first team adult league competition ).
  - If Club B has two adult teams that play in different league competitions e.g. it has a first team and a Reserve team that both play in separate league competitions, the transferred suspension will always be allocated to the highest ranked competition (e.g. the one in which the first team plays in)
  - When an unserved suspension is transferred to the player's new club, the Disciplinary Officer in either the FAW (if the competition is affiliated to FAW) or in the relevant Area Association, will need to manually reduce the suspension whenever the player's new team has played a match on COMET
  - If you have any queries in relation to an unserved suspension remaining on a player that you have recently signed from another club, please contact one of the following:
    - i. If the competition is affiliated to the FAW – [discipline@faw.co.uk](mailto:discipline@faw.co.uk)
    - ii. If the competition is affiliated to SWFA – [discipline@southwalesfa.co.uk](mailto:discipline@southwalesfa.co.uk)
    - iii. If the competition is affiliated to WWFA - [roger.wwfa@hotmail.com](mailto:roger.wwfa@hotmail.com)
    - iv. If the competition is affiliated to GCFA - [Kevin.Jones@gwentfa.co.uk](mailto:Kevin.Jones@gwentfa.co.uk)
    - v. If the competition is affiliated to CWFA - [pmorgan8@sky.com](mailto:pmorgan8@sky.com)
    - vi. If the competition is affiliated to NWCFA - [discipline@nwcfa.org](mailto:discipline@nwcfa.org)
    - vii. If the competition is affiliated to NEWFA - [disciplinenewfa@gmail.com](mailto:disciplinenewfa@gmail.com)

### 4. Monetary fines:

- Yellow and red cards are added onto COMET via the COMET Football app.
- Then, once the game has been moved to PLAYED on COMET, the system automatically creates: the disciplinary sanctions, updates the players' disciplinary records, sends an email to the players, and creates the fine in the relevant clubs MyComet accounts (it will appear under monetary sanctions).

- Fine amounts:

- Adults (players and coaches):

For every yellow card: £10

For every red card: £10

For two yellow cards in the same match: £10

- Juniors:

For every yellow card: £3

For every red card: £3

For two yellow cards in the same match: £3

- Once the fine has been created by COMET, clubs have 31 days to pay. Payment needs to be made via COMET and by using PayPal. If payment is not made by this time, the player is ineligible from all football until payment has been made.

**5. How can a club find out how many cards each of its players has accumulated in a specific competition ?**

- By clicking on “Reports & Statistics” – “Competitions” - “Cards (and cleared) suspensions by rounds” report

This COMET report contains details of the yellow cards, red cards, and matches missed due to serving of suspensions, for every player (and team official), by round within a specific competition.

It also shows whether the player played in the game or was an unused substitute. The number in yellow denotes the accumulated yellow card total for that player in that competition for the season to date.

When you run the report, please make sure to select: the season, the competition, and your team

**JD Cymru Premier 2021/22 Phase 1**  
 Accumulated yellow cards by players: (N/A)  
 Accumulated yellow cards by team officials: (N/A)

● Played    ○ Lineup    1 Accumulated yellow card    1 Suspension for a certain number of matches    3 Suspension served

**Newtown AFC**

ID	Person	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
315229	P Sean Bryan McAllister																							
808698	P Oliver Finley McDougall																							
78376	P Kieran Mills-Evans	●1				●2	●3								●4	●5								5
288379	P Ryan James Morgan																							
217198	P Flynn James Morris																							
304881	P Lifumpa Yande Mwandwe	●	●	●	●	●	●1	●2	●3		●4	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
218863	P Sebastian Osment																							
297757	P Callum James Roberts	●	●	●	●1	●2	●3	●4	●5	●6	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
170518	P David Terance Rose																							
335323	P James Thomas Rowland	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
71495	P Nicholas Rushton	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
89326	P Ryan Joseph Sears																							
808426	P James Aaron Smallwood																							
800177	P Benjamin Speake																							
17677	P Shane Alan Sutton																							
808993	P Brett Andrew Taylor	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
613694	P William Thomas																							
808990	P Jake Thomas Walker	●1	●2	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
230817	P Aaron Williams	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
15135	P Robert Thomas Craig Williams	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
220446	P Thomas Max Williams	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
808947	P Samuel Scott Yates																							
297784	C Christopher Hughes	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
315229	C Sean Bryan McAllister	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
315653	C Callum McKenzie	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
325188	S Anna Owen	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
70840	S Andrew Pellow	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
170518	S David Terance Rose	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	

In the above image, the player with COMET ID 297757 has picked up ten yellow cards in the same competition (his 10<sup>th</sup> yellow card is in Round 22). You can see in which rounds of matches he picked up the cards and also which card number it was. You can also see that he was suspended in round nine of the competition for reaching five yellow cards. As he has just accumulated his 10<sup>th</sup> yellow card and will therefore now miss the next two games in this competition.

- By clicking on then the relevant competition on the Cymru Football app and then on "Stats."

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JD Cymru Premier 2021/22

RESULTS SCHEDULE TABLE **STATS**

2		<b>EDGE C.</b> Cefn Druids FC	2	☆
3		<b>FLINT N.</b> Cefn Druids FC	2	☆
4		<b>GEORGE HORAN</b> Connah's Quay Nomads FC	2	☆
5		<b>WILDE M.</b> Flint Town United FC	2	☆

Yellow cards

1		<b>CALLUM ROBERTS</b> Newtown AFC	10	☆
2		<b>GREEN C.</b> Barry Town United AFC	9	☆
3		<b>HUGHES R.</b> Caernarfon Town FC	9	☆
4		<b>RIMMER T.</b> Aberystwyth Town FC	9	☆
5		<b>EVANS A.</b> Penybont FC	8	☆

Matches

- By clicking on the “Sanctions tab” on a player’s COMET profile and then click on “Accumulated cards” tab.

In respect of the player highlighted in orange above, this is the information that appears on the player’s COMET profile:

The screenshot shows the 'Sanctions' tab for a player in the JD Cymru Premier 2021/22. The top table lists individual sanctions, with several rows highlighted in red. The bottom table, 'Accumulated yellow cards', shows the total number of yellow cards for each competition, with the JD Cymru Premier 2021/22 row highlighted in red.

Sanction ID	Competition	Round	Match	Suspension Type	Start	End	Status
1185439	JD Cymru Premier 2021/22	22	Newtown AFC - Gwynedd Sports Network FC 0-0	Suspension for a certain number of matches	21.12.2021	21.12.2021	SUSPENDED
1185440	JD Cymru Premier 2021/22	21	Newtown AFC - Cwmty Duw Sports FC 0-0	Suspension for a certain number of matches	20.12.2021	20.12.2021	SUSPENDED
1185441	JD Cymru Premier 2021/22	21	New Town FC - Newtown AFC 0-0	Suspension for a certain number of matches	20.12.2021	20.12.2021	SUSPENDED
1185442	JD Cymru Premier 2021/22	19	Newtown AFC - Llanelli United AFC 0-0	Suspension for a certain number of matches	19.12.2021	19.12.2021	SUSPENDED
1185443	JD Cymru Premier 2021/22	14	The New Saints FC - Newtown AFC 0-0	Suspension for a certain number of matches	13.12.2021	13.12.2021	SUSPENDED
1185444	JD Cymru Premier 2021/22	10	Newtown AFC - Cwmty Duw Sports FC 0-0	Suspension for a certain number of matches	09.12.2021	09.12.2021	SUSPENDED
1185445	JD Cymru Premier 2021/22	9	Newtown AFC - Rhyl FC 0-0	Suspension for a certain number of matches	08.12.2021	08.12.2021	SUSPENDED
1185446	JD Cymru Premier 2021/22	9	Newtown AFC - Rhyl FC 0-0	Suspension for a certain number of matches	08.12.2021	08.12.2021	SUSPENDED
1185447	JD Cymru Premier 2021/22	7	New Town United AFC - Newtown AFC 0-0	Suspension for a certain number of matches	06.12.2021	06.12.2021	SUSPENDED
1185448	JD Cymru Premier 2021/22	6	Newtown AFC - Rhyl FC 0-0	Suspension for a certain number of matches	05.12.2021	05.12.2021	SUSPENDED
1185449	JD Cymru Premier 2021/22	6	New Town United FC - Newtown AFC 0-0	Suspension for a certain number of matches	05.12.2021	05.12.2021	SUSPENDED
1185450	JD Cymru Premier 2021/22	4	Newtown AFC - Gwynedd Sports FC 0-0	Suspension for a certain number of matches	03.12.2021	03.12.2021	SUSPENDED

ID	Competition	Accumulated yellow cards	Status	PENDING	Total
1185445	JD Cymru Premier 2021/22	10	SUSPENDED	2	12
1185446	Newtown AFC - Rhyl FC 0-0	1	SUSPENDED	1	2
1185447	JD Cymru Premier 2021/22	1	SUSPENDED	1	2
1185448	Newtown AFC - Rhyl FC 0-0	1	SUSPENDED	1	2
1185449	JD Cymru Premier 2021/22	1	SUSPENDED	1	2
1185450	Newtown AFC - Gwynedd Sports FC 0-0	1	SUSPENDED	1	2

The top section shows the matches (and competitions) where he picked up a yellow card - you can see that once he picked up his fifth yellow card in the competition, he was then suspended for one game, and now that he has picked up his 10<sup>th</sup> yellow card, he will now be suspended for two games.

The bottom section shows the total number of cards he has accumulated to date in each competition.

## 6. How can clubs see which players are suspended and how many matches they have left to serve under the suspension ?

- By clicking on the “Pending suspensions” tab on the relevant competition home page on COMET web version.



### Pending suspensions

Organisation: (1) Football Association of Wales

Competition: JD Cymru Premier 2021/22 - 2021/2022 (Include sibling competitions - 4)

TOTAL RECORDS: 197



#### JD Cymru Premier 2021/22

ID	Player	Type	Club	Remaining
297757	Callum James Roberts	Player	Newtown AFC	2
114524	Henry Lloyd Jones	Player	Haverfordwest County AFC	2
185976	Jack Thorn	Player	Aberystwyth Town FC	1
100606	Ben Maher	Player	Flint Town United FC	1
100000	John Thomas-Morris	Player	Newtown AFC	1



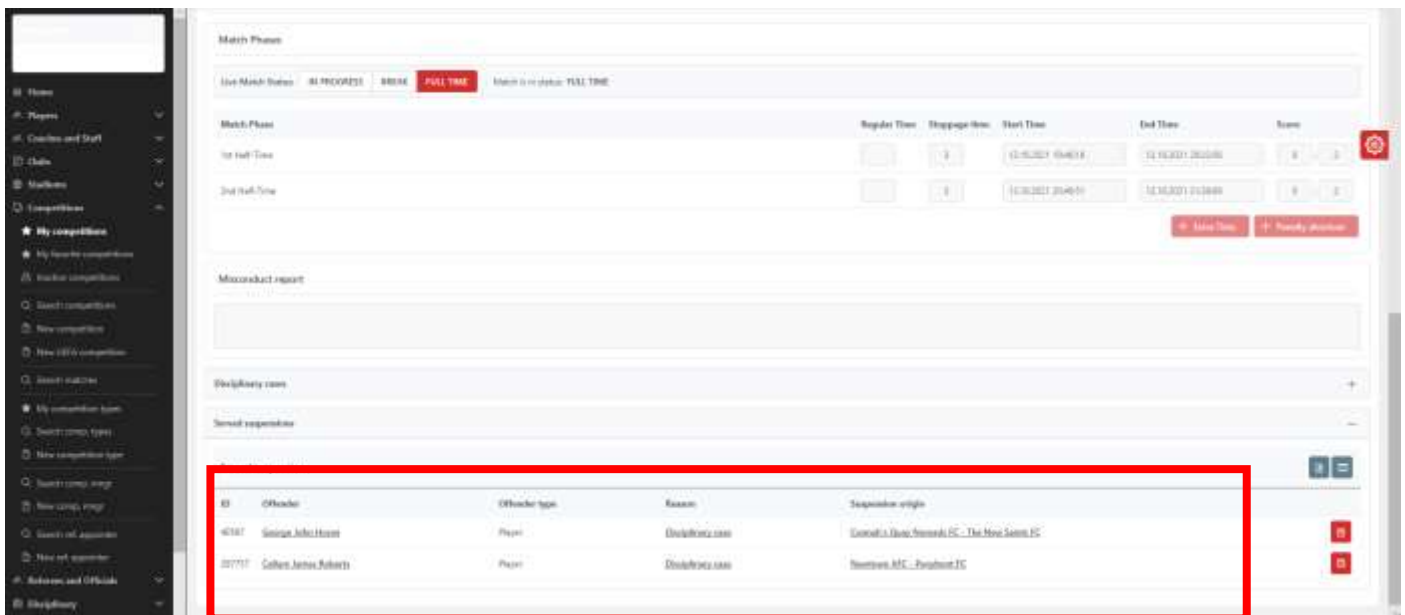
- By clicking on the “Served suspensions” tab at the bottom of the Match Report on the COMET web version.

This will show the names of the players who were ineligible to play in that specific match and the reason.

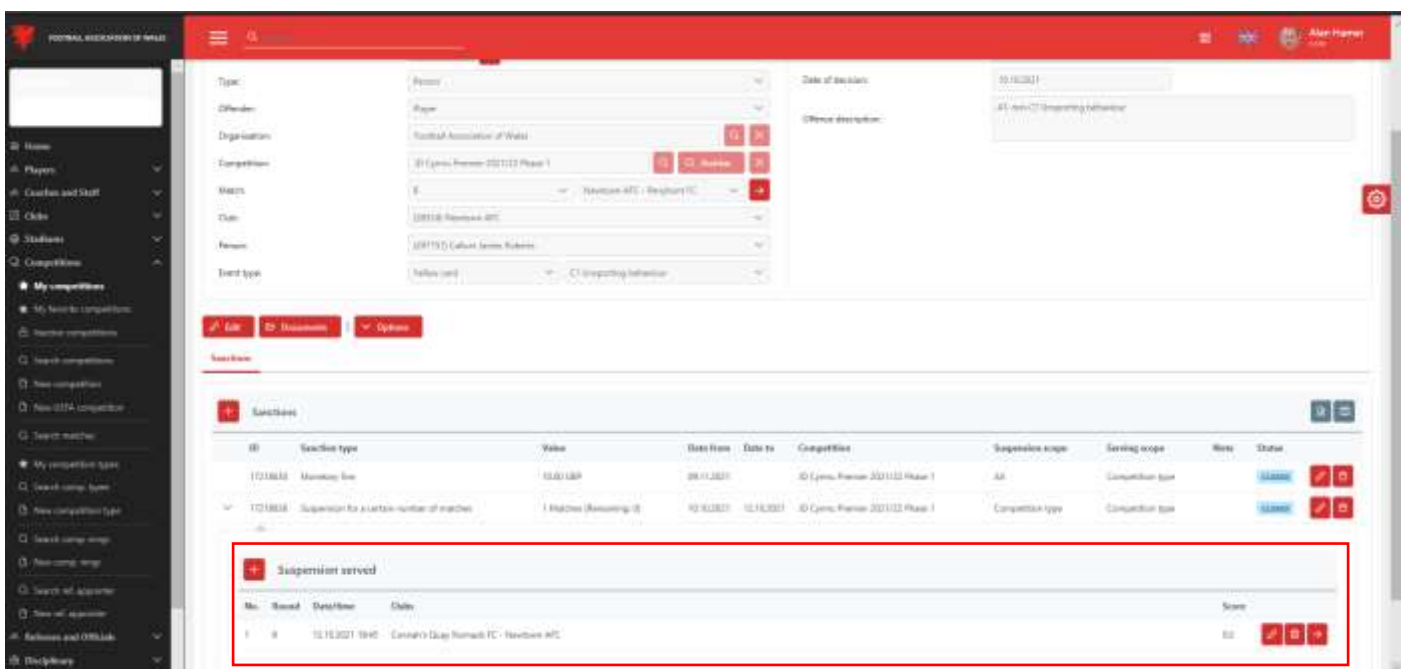
The screenshot below is the Suspensions served section of the match report for Round 9 of the JD Cymru Premier League Phase 1 for 2021/22 season (Connah’s Quay Nomads FC vs Newtown AFC ).

It shows that there were two players who missed this match due to serving suspensions:

- George Horan (Connah’s Quay Nomads FC) for an offence he committed in the match against The New Saints FC; and
- Callum Roberts (Newtown AFC) as he was serving a suspension after picking up his fifth yellow card in the match against Penybont FC.

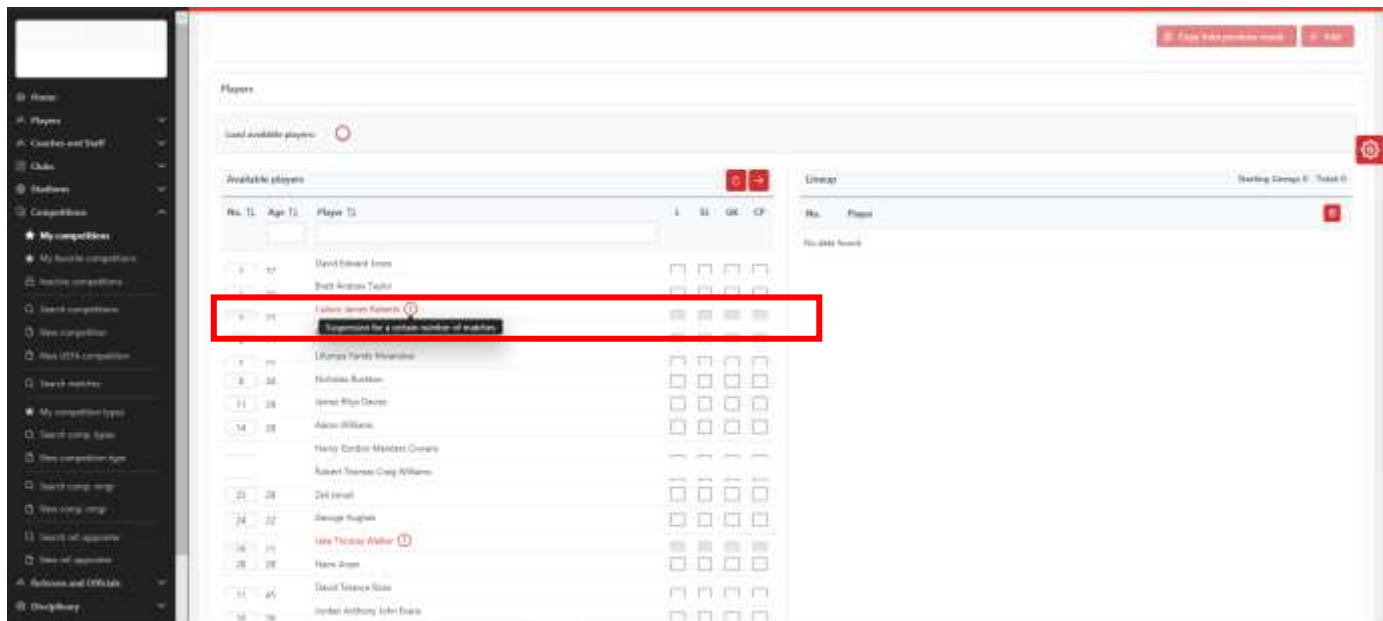


If you click on the player you will see how he has served (or is serving) his suspension:



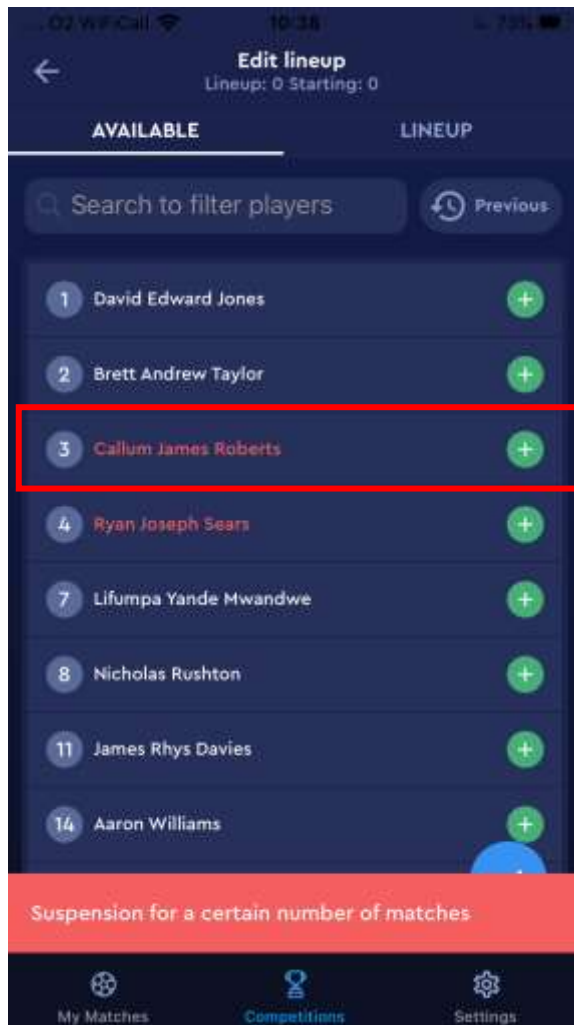
## 7. How can clubs see in advance of game if a player is available for selection ?

- If player appears in red on the team line-up then it means he/she is ineligible for selection. The ineligibility will be due to one or more of the following:
  - o Player has an unserved match suspension; and/or
  - o Player has an unpaid and overdue player registration fee; and/or
  - o Player has an unpaid and overdue monetary sanction
- If you try to add the player, the reason for his/her ineligibility will appear. On COMET web version, when you hover over the exclamation sign, a message will appear to explain why the player is ineligible (in this case its due to an unserved suspension):



- Meanwhile, on the COMET Football app, the following message will appear when you try to add an ineligible player (due to unserved suspension) to your line-up.





- If the player is unavailable due to an outstanding fee, then as soon as this is paid via MyComet the player is then eligible to play.