



Today the club has been charged under FA Rule E21.1 following the game away at Worsbrough on Saturday 7th October. It is also alleged that the words and/or behaviour also made reference to disability contrary to FA Rule E21.4

The FA charge states:

Wakefield AFC failed to ensure that spectators and/or its supporters (and anyone purporting to be its supporters or followers) conducted themselves in an orderly fashion and refrained from improper, offensive, violent, threatening, abusive, indecent, insulting or provocative words and/or behaviour

Following a scheduled hearing (Date to be set), the sanction that could be imposed on the club if found guilty, is a fine of hundreds of pounds.

We have posted previously on the club social media channels and made announcements over the public address system at home games, that this behaviour is not acceptable and the repercussions on the club.

We are now working with West Riding FA to understand what we, as a club can do within our, and their powers, to ensure that the individuals who continue to act in this manner are no longer able to be associated with the club, to stop repeat incidents as this isn't the community and club vision we want to portray and be associated with as Wakefield AFC.

We fully understand that this is a small minority section and doesn't reflect the fantastic group of fans we have, who attend home and away games, representing the club and team as true supporters.

We can't state how disappointed and upset we are, that this statement needs to be made today.

We hope that the individuals who act in this way, can reflect on the above and understand that their behaviour/actions have impact and consequences. Nobody deserves to be verbally abused at a game of football, this is not supporting the team or the club and more importantly has a victim who is subjected to the comments.

This is the second incident where a charge has been raised against the club in the last 6 months and a charge of hundreds of pounds was imposed previously, which severely impacts on our matchday takings after the club was found guilty, due to a fan verbally abusing a female match official with sexist comments at an away game. Without match officials, we simply don't have a game and the club cannot play.

No further comments will be made by the club until the investigation and hearing has taken place.

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Directors, Volunteers, Management and Players