

Football Debt Recovery Regulations

Full Regulations are at <http://handbook.fapublications.com/#!/book/30/chapter/s2875-football-debt-recovery-regulations/content?section=s2876-commencing-a-claim>

Lancashire and Cheshire AFL Guidance

Clubs should instigate debt recovery as soon as it is apparent that the player is not going to pay the debt. This starts by sending the player a formal debt recovery letter. If the debt remains unpaid after 28 days, the club should write to their County FA, submitting a Notice of Claim. Note this can be done up to 112 days later which gives a lot of time.

The details of the debt, the steps taken to recover it, and the debtor's details must be proved to the County FA, along with the fee of £25 which can be added to the debt.

An answer from the County FA if they will take up the case will be provided within 21 days.

If the claim is valid, the debtor has 21 days to pay. If it is not paid the debtor is suspended from all football activity.

If the claim is not deemed to be valid, ie rejected, there is an appeal process.

The club should notify the league of all cases they submit, and the outcomes.

League Action

If a debt remains unpaid, and the player tries to sign for another club in the league, the league will withhold the registration until the debt is paid. This is on a best endeavours basis, until the WGS flags players as debtors, enabling them to be easily identified.