

MANAGERS AS PLAYERS, SUBSTITUTES OR SUBSTITUTED PLAYERS

A manager can be removed from the technical area for either:

- a. Technical Breach of the Competition Rules – (for example – keep leaving the technical area to give instructions or more than the allowed number standing)
- b. Disciplinary Reasons (for example – offensive, insulting and/or abusive language to a match official).

If the reason is for a technical breach, (a), the participant if a named substitute may come on as a substitute.

If he has been removed for Disciplinary Reasons, (b), he cannot take any further part in the game.

In such scenarios as in (b), the Referee has to make a judgement as to the capacity the person was acting at the time of the offence. Albeit all circumstances have to be judged on their own merits, to assist as a general rule:

- (i) If the misconduct happened in the technical area, the person would normally be acting as a Manager and should be reported as such.
- (ii) If the Manager as a substitute has come on to the field of play as a player, in **all** cases he would be dealt with as a player.
- (iii) If the misconduct happens whilst as a substitute and warming up down the touchline, he would be in that position as a player and should be dealt with as such.

If you are dealing with the person as a player, the appropriate card would be shown as appropriate. If as a Manager, no card would be shown.

Whilst the above would apply to any official who is a player in addition to their official capacity, it is normally applicable to Managers and Assistant Managers.