# REQUEST FOR REPRESENTATIONS – INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGED BREACH OF REGULATION 19.4.9

**Details of incident being investigated.**

| Match details: | | Date | |
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| Specifics of incident: |
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A complaint has been received in relation to an incident in the aforementioned game. RFU Regulation 19.4.9 states that the Club is responsible for behavior of its player, members and spectators.

***19.4.9*** *A club shall be responsible for ensuring that all reasonable steps have been taken to ensure that its players, coaches, members and spectators conduct themselves appropriately and do not behave in a way that is improper, offensive, abusive, threatening, indecent or insulting or enter the pitch without the authority of the referee.*

This is a request for further information from the Club in accordance with RFU regulation 19.2.4. Information provided will be considered when determining if a charge for a breach of any RFU rule or regulation should be issued.
It is important to understand that this is a strict liability offence and there are limited grounds for challenging that a breach of 19.4.9 occurred.

*19.4.10 It shall be a defence to a charge in relation to Regulation 19.4.9 (only) if a Club can show that all events occurred because of circumstances outside of its control and all reasonable steps had been taken to prevent such occurrences.....*

| Does the Club accept that the incident took place | |
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**If the incident is disputed, please provide a summary of the reasons for this or if the incident is accepted, you can provide any further details that may be relevant.**

**To assist the disciplinary investigation please provide details of what, if any, reasonable steps the Club, including the Club Officers, have taken to prevent such an occurrence taking place. Where possible please include any supporting evidence when submitting this report.**

**Please provide any further mitigating factors that may be relevant to this incident**

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***19.4.10*** *It shall be a defence to a charge in relation to Regulation 19.4.9 (only) if a Club can show that all events occurred because of circumstances outside of its control and all reasonable steps had been taken to prevent such occurrences. A Panel when considering this defence will consider the following:*

***a) the steps the Club has taken prior to the incident to prevent such behaviour; and/or***
***b) the consequences of any breaches of Regulation 19.4.9; and/or***
***c) any previous breaches of Regulation 19.4.9 that have occurred and what subsequent actions were taken.***

*Explanatory note: A Panel may consider such factors including any communications that has been sent to members, any internal training that can be evidenced, the use of 'respect barriers' and/or appropriate signage at the ground.*