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2026/1003 - Football-Related Discrimination Reports and Arrests

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

This request is made in the public interest to better understand trends in football-related discrimination incidents and arrests, and to assess the wider context in which anti-discrimination initiatives, including the Kick It Out campaign, operate.

Please provide the following information relating to football-related discrimination or hate incidents recorded by your force between 1 January 2022 and 24 September 2026.

For the purposes of this request, football-related incidents are those recorded as occurring in connection with a football match, football event, football supporter activity, or otherwise flagged as football-related by the force.

1. Football-related discrimination incidents reported

For each of the following periods:

- 2022
- 2023
- 2024
- 2025
- 2026 (year-to-date)

Please provide:

a) The total number of football-related discrimination or hate incidents reported to the force.

b) Where recorded and retrievable within the appropriate cost limit, a breakdown of incidents by:

- Racism
- Religious discrimination (including antisemitism and Islamophobia)
- Homophobia
- Transphobia
- Disability discrimination
- Sexism
- Other discrimination-related incidents

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c) The total number of arrests made in connection with these incidents.

d) Whether incidents are recorded as occurring:

- Inside a football stadium
- Outside a football stadium
- Online or on social media

Where this information is recorded and retrievable within the appropriate cost limit, please provide a numerical breakdown for each year.

e) Where held electronically and retrievable within the appropriate cost limit, the football match associated with each reported football-related discrimination incident and/or arrests.

We have searched our system for all Hate Flagged occurrences in which either:

1. Summary text contains the words "Foot" and "Ball"
2. Location Sybtype is "Sports Stadium"
3. Occurrence address contains the words "foot" and "Ball"
4. Bus/org name contains the words "Foot" and "Ball"

The results have been manually reviewed to ensure that they are relevant to your request.

Reported Date	Hate crime	NICL Qualifier	Arrest?	Location Subtype	Bus/Org Name	Summary
Jan-22	;Racial;	;Prejudice - Racial;	Yes	Sports stadium		Inft has contacted police wishing to report that his son has been racially abused during a football match.
Feb-22	;Racial;	;Prejudice - Racial;		Sports stadium	THE CROWN - UP TO 2023	Officer has witnessed an incident at a local professional football match whereby opposition players have displayed disorderly behaviour and one player in particular has made racial gesticulations to the home fans.
Apr-22	;Disability;Racial;	;Prejudice - Disability;Prejudice - Racial;			THE CROWN - UP TO 2023	UNKNOWN OFFENDERS WERE HEARD MAKING RACIST COMMENTS DIRECTED AT FOOTBALL PLAYERS DURING A MATCH.

						Male ejected from ground by community policing.
Oct-22	;Racial;	;Prejudice - Racial;		Sports stadium	THE CROWN - UP TO 2024	Known offender has been heard racially abusing the victim following him scoring a penalty.
Oct-22		;Prejudice - Racial;		Sports stadium	THE CROWN - UP TO 2024	Male ejected from ground by community policing. Known offender has been heard racially abusing the victim following him scoring a penalty.
Jan-23	;Racial;	;Prejudice - Racial;	Yes	Sports stadium	THE CROWN - UP TO 2023	during match between wrexham and sheffield utd suspect has been heard to shout dirty welsh bastards
May-23	;Racial;	;Prejudice - Racial;	Yes		SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY FOOTBALL PROMINENTS	The suspect has committed a hate related offence towards the owner of a football club online.
May-23	;Racial;	;Prejudice - Racial;	Yes		THE CROWN - UP TO 2024	The suspect has committed a hate related offence towards the owner of a football club online.
Aug-23	;Racial;	;Prejudice - Racial;		Sports stadium	THE CROWN - UP TO 2024	KNOWN OFFENDER HAS SHOUTED RACAL ABUSE DURING A FOOTBALL MATCH AT THE LOC ADDRESS.
Nov-23	;Sexual orientation;	;Prejudice - Sexual orientation;			THE CROWN - UP TO 2024	During a football match at the location address a steward and police officer heard a female make homophobic comments towards away supporters.
Nov-23	;Racial;	;Hist - Youth related;Prejudice - Racial;		Sports stadium		Known offender has racially abused the I.P by calling him a "FUCKING BLACK CUNT" from the sideline of a football pitch causing intentional harassment, alarm and distress.

Aug-24	;Racial;	;Prejudice - Racial;	Yes			Racially public order at location, no further details at the time of recording
Aug-24	;Racial;	;Hist - Youth related;Prejudice - Racial;	Yes			Suspect has made derogatory and racist remarks towards the IP at location.
Aug-24	;Racial;	;Hist - Youth related;Prejudice - Racial;		Field	THE CROWN - UP TO 2025	Report that 7 year old has called another child a "NIGGER" which has caused a heated altercation between parents.
Jan-25	;Sexual orientation;	;Prejudice - Sexual orientation;		Sports stadium	THE CROWN - UP TO 2026	During the Wrexham v Blackpool football match, a witness has heard unidentified male shouting abusive comments towards the referee. These remarks, appear to have been homophobic in nature.
Jan-25	;Racial;Sexual orientation;	;Prejudice - Racial;Prejudice - Sexual orientation;		Sports stadium	THE CROWN - UP TO 2026	Third party report of male shouting racial and homophobic comments towards players whilst attending a football match at the loc address.
Feb-25	;Sexual orientation;	;Prejudice - Sexual orientation;			THE CROWN - UP TO 2026	Unknown offender has been heard by a member of the public to shout "faggot" 8 times towards a player of an on going football match at the loc address. It is not believed any players on the pitch heard the remarks.
Feb-25	;Religion or belief - Anti Christian;Racial;	;Prejudice - Racial;Prejudice - Religion;	Yes			Wrexham v Stockport football match. Suspect has made racially and religiously abusive comments, causing harassment, alarm and distress.

Feb-25		;Prejudice - Racial;Prejudice - Religion;	Yes			Wrexham v Stockport football match. Suspect has made racially and religiously abusive comments, causing harassment, alarm and distress.
Feb-25	;Racial;	;Hist - Youth related;Prejudice - Racial;		Sports stadium	THE CROWN - UP TO 2026	DURING AN UNDER 13'S FOOTBALL MATCH A PARENT OF A PARTICIPATING CHILD MADE RACIST COMMENTS TOWARDS ANOTHER PLAYER
Sep-25	;Sexual orientation;	;Prejudice - Sexual orientation;	Yes	Sports stadium	THE CROWN - UP TO 2026	SUSPECTS HAVE SHOUTED HOMOPHOBIC COMMENTS DURING GAME AT LOCATION . .
Sep-25		;Prejudice - Sexual orientation;	Yes	Sports stadium	THE CROWN - UP TO 2026	SUSPECTS HAVE SHOUTED HOMOPHOBIC COMMENTS DURING GAME AT LOCATION . .
Oct-25		;Vulnerable adult;Prejudice - Racial;		Sports stadium		Closure Summary: EN FOOTBALL MATCH NOW OVER Original Incident Report: 14/10/2025 19:45 KO FA Cup 4th Round Qualifier Deva Stadium
Oct-25		;Vulnerable adult;Prejudice - Racial;		Sports stadium		SUSPECT HAS BEEN RACIALLY ABUSIVE TOWARDS IP
Oct-25	;Racial;	;Hist - Youth related;Prejudice - Racial;	Yes			SPECTATOR AT A FOOTBALL GAME HAS USED A RACIAL SLUR AGAINST A PLAYER
Oct-25	;Racial;	;Alcohol;Prejudice - Racial;	Yes	Sports stadium	THE CROWN - UP TO 2026	Offender has shouted racially insulting remarks towards a male whom he heard to be speaking a foreign language.

Dec-25	;Religion or belief - Anti Muslim;	;Prejudice - Religion;		Sports stadium		Report of hate related incident.
Dec-25		;Prejudice - Religion;		Sports stadium		Report of hate related incident.
Dec-25	;Racial;	;Prejudice - Racial;		Other open space	THE CROWN - UP TO 2026	Wrexham AFC v Watford AFC Witness reports that during the match a male and female (Watford fans) made racially abusive comments towards a Wrexham player and also racially abused Luton fans during a chant about that team which was being sung by Watford fans attending the match.
Dec-25	;Racial;	;Prejudice - Racial;		Other open space	THE CROWN - UP TO 2026	Wrexham AFC v Watford AFC on 13/12/2025 Additional crime of Racially Aggravated Sec 5 POA by two Watford fans during the match
Dec-25	;Racial;	;Prejudice - Racial;	Yes	Sports stadium	THE CROWN - UP TO 2026	THE SUSPECT WHO WAS AT LOCATION SHOUTED RACIAL ABUSE TOWARDS A MEMBER OF STAFF CALLING HIM A MONKEY ALL IN FRONT OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC .
Jan-26	;Sexual orientation;			Sports stadium	THE CROWN	During FA Cup 3rd round football match between Wrexham AFC and Nottingham Forest female reports to police that she has heard an identified suspect making offensive homophobic comments

Jan-26	;Racial;	;Prejudice - Racial;		Other (hospitality)	THE CROWN	INFT REPORTS THAT WHILST AT A FOOTBALL MATCH, HE HAS HEARD AN UNKNOWN SUSPECT IN THE CROWD BEHIND HIM SHOUT A RACIAL SLUR.
Mar-26	;Sexual orientation;	;Alcohol;Prejudice - Sexual orientation;	Yes		THE CROWN	Known offender has been witnessed by police officers repeatedly chanting "Chelsea rent boys" and pointing towards football fans on the opposite side of the road.
Mar-26	;Sexual orientation;	;Alcohol;Prejudice - Sexual orientation;	Yes	Pavement	THE CROWN	Known offender has been witnessed by police officers repeatedly shouting "Chelsea rent boys" at a group of football fans.
Mar-26	;Racial;	;Prejudice - Racial;		Sports stadium		Whilst working as a steward at the football match and inspecting an away fans flag, an unknown offender has directed a racial comment towards the I.P
Mar-26	;Racial;	;Vulnerable adult;Prejudice - Racial;	Yes			Report from steward at Football match of male shouting from the crowd towards the pitch " Fucking black cunt" male has been identified to officers and he has been arrested
May-26	;Disability;	;Prejudice - Disability;		Sports stadium	THE CROWN	Known offender has been ejected from the loc address after they were heard by member of the public shouting "mong" towards a player on the pitch.

Sep-26		;Prejudice - Racial;	Sports stadium	THE CROWN	Circumstances - Following the Wrexham v Watford fixture on Saturday a member of the public submitted a post match report to kick it out saying the following: "Two physios came on the pitch to an injured Watford player, both of them were Asian in appearance. Wrexham fancalled out 'Rubber Dinghy Rapids' as they left the pitch.
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