

## Wenger's fine idea: Arsenal stars face hefty penalties for range of offences ... and if they don't pay, boss sends for Mertesacker

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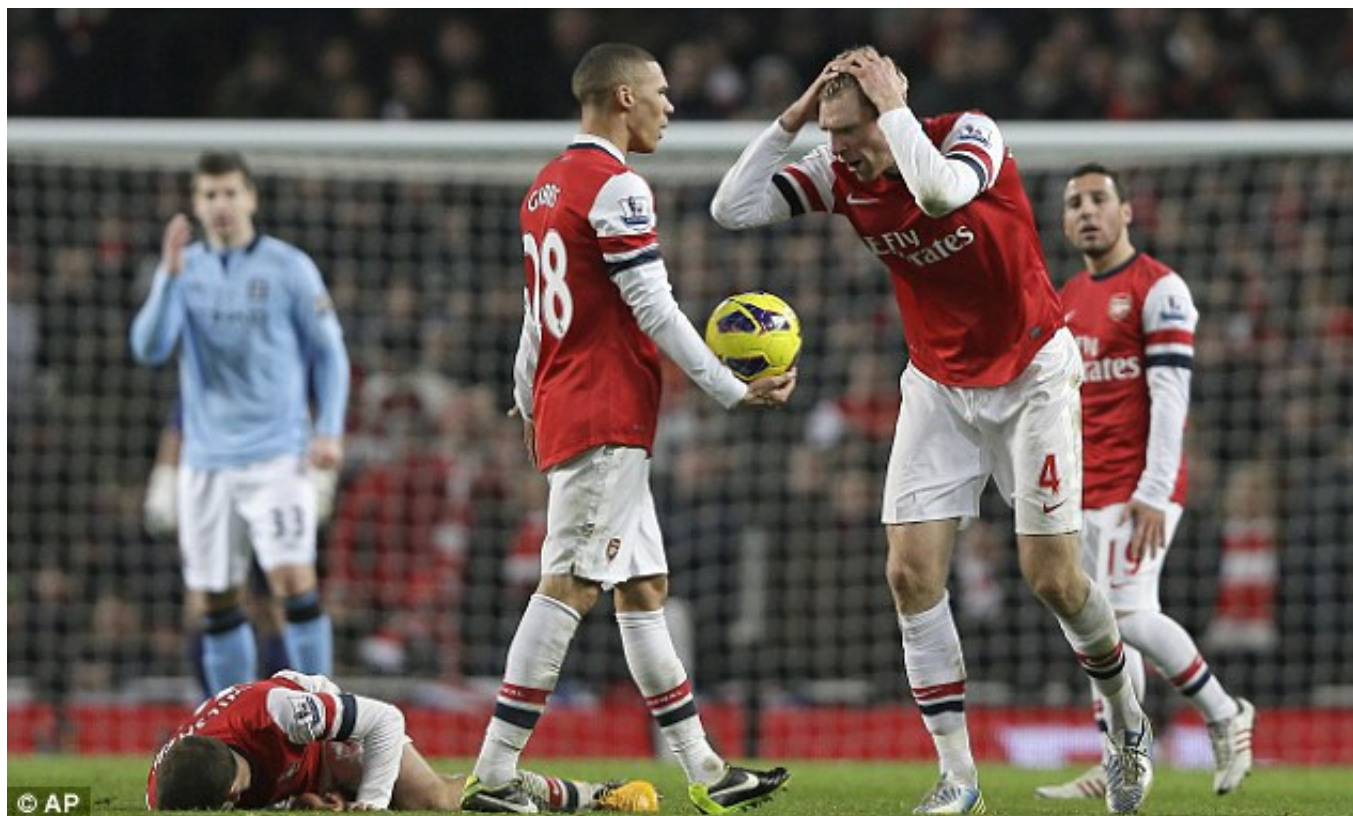
Break Arsene Wenger's law at Arsenal and you will pay the penalty.

Using imposing German centre back Per Mertesacker as his debt collector, Arsenal's manager has issued a set of rules to his players which see players fined for misdemeanours.

Ranging from between £100 to £1000, Wenger has ordered a list of offences to be drawn up and has signed it at the bottom. The list is hanging at the clubs training ground in London Colney.



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**You haven't paid! Per Mertesacker has been charged with getting the fines from his teammates**

If fines are not paid within a week of being issued, they will be doubled.

Among the most striking punishments dished out is the £500 for taking a phone call anywhere throughout the building complex.

Punctuality is obviously a big thing for Wenger, too, with fines ranging from £250 to £500 for being late for the team bus, training or massage.

The list also says that players will be hit in the pocket for failing to provide a urine sample for two consecutive weeks. This is likely to be for fitness test purposes.

Details of the fines emerged when a fan posted an entire album on file sharing website Reddit on Saturday afternoon.

## Here is the full list, by order of a 'Mr A. Wenger'.

OFFENCE	FINE
Non attendance of unused players at Home matches without permission of manager	£1000
Late for training	< 15 mins £250, > 15 mins £500
Late for treatment/massage	< 15 mins £250, > 15 mins £500
Late for travel	£500

Late for match day meetings / meals	£250
Wrong kit on match days	£100
Inappropriate clothing outside of the dressing room	£100
Outdoor shoes in the dressing room	£100
Newspapers, laptops and phones in the medical room	£100
Newspapers in dressing room	£100
Non production of urine sample for two consecutive weeks	£200
Phone calls in the building (texting allowed)	£500
No participating in commercial activities (including Club Day)	£500

Alongside the 20+ images the fan revealed that he had been treated to a tour of the state-of-the-art facility by club doctor Gary O'Driscoll, with whom he is pictured in the restaurant at the base.

The photos also showed the changing rooms at Colney - inside which outside shoes and newspapers are not allowed - and more specifically the array of kit afforded to all the players.

More damaging for the club, though, was the image of the manager's office and desk, as well as a snap of the whiteboard which revealed German star Lukas Podolski would not feature in Sunday's game at Chelsea.



**Behind the scenes: A fan was given a tour of the training complex, apparently by the club doctor**



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An Arsenal spokesman told The Sun: 'The pictures are genuine. We understand that they were taken by a friend of a member of staff during a private visit to the training ground.'

'The manager was made aware of the picture being published and we are very disappointed. We will review our procedures.'

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they can buy david bentley back with all the fines..LOL!!

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Meanwhile Man Utd train in sunny Doha and joke around with each other. That is soul and heart of a club. While we have these petty fines and constrictions.

- [abdel](#) , london, United Kingdom, 21/1/2013 19:27

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Managers have done this for years. George did it.....maybe paid for the Christmas staff party, who knows?

- [wiggins](#) , Bournemouth..England., 21/1/2013 19:23

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No mention of the fines for: Not closing the opposition down when they have the ball Slow and tedious build up play Lack of ability to get anybody into the box Lack of confidence to shoot from anywhere within range Lack of width with poor crossing ability Miss kicking in front of goal Sloppy cross pitch passes that are intercepted allowing the opposition run into empty space at the back and score Lack of tracking back and the midfield's inability to protect the centre backs. Lack of ability at set pieces Lack of a plan A, B, C, D.....K , L, M.... Lack of height Lack of balls.

- [archiarmst](#) , sheffield, United Kingdom, 21/1/2013 18:59

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Maybe he can spend all those fines on a new player.

- [LogieBear](#) , New Zealand, 21/1/2013 18:39

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