

Luis "Habitual Offender" Suarez Banned

Uruguay striker [Luis Suarez](#), one of the Premier League's best strikers, has been suspended from all football-related activity for four months. This decision was announced by FIFA, the world governing body of football, after the Uruguayan footballer who plays as a forward for English Premier League club Liverpool was found guilty of biting Italy defender Giorgio Chiellini.

The Mexican referee refused to look at Chiellini's shoulder despite vigorous objection from the Italian players. After the match, Chiellini told Sky Sports Italia Suarez is a sneak and he gets away with it because FIFA want their stars to play in the World Cup. Chiellini added he did love to see if they have the courage to use video evidence against him and added the referee saw the bite mark too, but he did nothing about it.

Suarez is suspended for nine matches and banned him from any football-related activity for four months besides a fine about \$112,000. Suarez will also not be able to enter the stadium for the knockout-round match of Uruguay against Colombia on Saturday in Rio de Janeiro, or any soccer stadium during his four-month suspension. He will miss nine English Premier League matches for Liverpool, three each in August, September and October and also could miss one match in the League Cup and three Champions League matches.

Claudio Sulser, who serves as chairman of [FIFA's](#) Disciplinary Committee, remarked such behavior cannot be tolerated on any football pitch, and in particular not at a FIFA World Cup when the eyes of millions of people are on the stars on the field. Sulser added the Disciplinary Committee took into account all the factors of the case and the degree of Suarez's guilt in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Code and the decision comes into force as soon it is communicated. FIFA vice-president Jim Boyce, who also presides as head of the organization's referees committee, said he is seriously disappointed with the actions of Suarez. Boyce remarked he had watched the incident several times on television and added there is no doubt Luis Suarez is a fantastic footballer but, once again, his actions have left him open to severe criticism.

Teammate Diego Lugano said the British media has a vendetta against Suarez, and everyone knows that and added it is obvious the vendetta sells newspapers in England.

The 27-year-old has already been banned twice in his career but those offenses happened in club-level games. Suarez was suspended seven games for biting [PSV Eindhoven's](#) Otman Bakkal on the shoulder while playing for Ajax in the Netherlands in 2010. He was suspended for 10 games in 2013 while playing for Liverpool in England for biting Chelsea's Branislav Ivanovic on the arm. Suarez was also criticized for deliberately handling the ball at the 2010 World Cup in South Africa on the goal-line to deny Ghana a place in the semifinals of the World Cup. Uruguay went on to finish third in the tournament. Suarez was suspended for eight games in 2011 and fined 40,000 pounds by the English Football Association after he made racially abusive remarks toward Manchester United's Patrice Evra, who was born in Senegal.