

Fergie banned for ref abuse

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Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson has been banned from the touchline for two matches and fined 5,000 pounds for verbally abusing a referee.

Alex Ferguson
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Ferguson did not contest a misconduct charge brought by the Football Association over his use of 'insulting words' to referee Mark Clattenburg at half-time in United's defeat by Bolton last month.

Clattenburg sent Ferguson to the stands after being confronted by the Scot, who will now have to sit in the stand for United's trip to West Ham on December 29 and the home encounter with Birmingham on January 1.