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# Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### Part 4: Sport

#### **Chapter 4 - Banning orders in relation to regulated matches**

#### Section 41: Banning orders: making on conviction

This section states the sorts of which offences which will trigger the sentencing court's consideration of a banning order. These are where the person who committed the offence engaged in violence or disorder at, entering or leaving a regulated match; on the journey to or from a regulated match; or where it appears to the court the offence was motivated by a regulated match. The court must impose a banning order if a person has been convicted of such an offence and the court believes making a banning order would help to prevent violence or disorder at or in conjunction with any regulated matches.

The section states what evidence may be considered and that a banning order may only be made in addition to a sentence or conditional discharge. A banning order is to be taken to be a sentence for the purposes of appeal rights.