



FOOTBALL
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2018 Disciplinary & Grievance Regulations

These regulations must be read in conjunction with the following documents.

FIFA Documents

- FIFA Laws of the Game
- FIFA Statutes
- FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players
- FIFA Disciplinary Code

FFA Documents

- FFA Constitution
- National Registration Regulations
- National Disciplinary Regulations
- FFA Grievance Procedure By-Law
- National Arbitration Tribunal Regulations
- FFA Judicial Bodies By-Law
- National Code of Conduct
- National Member Protection Policy
- National Privacy Policy
- National Anti-Doping Policy
- National Spectator Code of Behaviour

Football West Documents

- Football West Competition Rules
- NPL-WA Competition Rules
- Football West Competition Management Regulations
- NPL-WA Compliance Regulations
- Football West Code of Conduct
- Football West Spectator Code of Behaviour

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Article 1 - Introduction

1. All Clubs and Club Associates are bound by these regulations, the FFA Constitution, the FFA Grievance Procedure By-Law, the FFA Judicial Bodies By-Law and the FFA National Arbitration Tribunal Regulations.
2. Football West is bound by these regulations, the FFA Constitution, Grievance Procedure By-Law, Judicial Bodies By-Law and National Arbitration Tribunal Regulations.
3. A penalty imposed by Football West, a Tribunal or an Appeals Tribunal continues to apply to a Club Associate even after that Club Associate's association with Football West has ended.
4. These regulations do not limit or restrict the application of the FIFA Statutes, AFC Statutes or FFA Code of Conduct for conduct or behaviour of a Club Associate which occurs outside the authority of these regulations generally.

Article 2 - Objectives

1. To ensure that all Clubs, Club Associates and Match Officials observe the Laws.
2. To ensure that Football is played competitively and fairly in accordance with principles of true sportsmanship and in accordance with the Laws.
3. To encourage participation in Football and to improve and advance Football as a spectator sport, and to provide a safe and secure playing and spectator environment.
4. To provide a system which sets out procedures, guidelines and penalties for any Club, Club Associate or Match Official who breaches the Laws.
5. To ensure that all charges of Misconduct and all Grievances are conducted fairly and in accordance with the principles of natural justice.
6. To impose penalties which are both appropriate and designed to act as a deterrent for offences of unsporting behaviour, violence, offences against match officials, and discrimination on any grounds including race, gender, religion, impairment and sexual orientation and any other offence which affects the good name of football and Football West.

Article 3 - Definitions & Interpretations

Definitions

In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following definitions must be used:

Additional Suspension means any Suspension in addition to an Automatic Match Suspension.

AFC means the Asian Football Confederation.

Appeals Tribunal means a special Tribunal established to hear appeals resulting from a decision of a Tribunal.

Applicant means a party which lodges an application to Football West to have a Grievance heard and determined by a Tribunal.

Assault means an act by which a person strikes, touches, or moves, or otherwise applies force of any

kind to, the person of another, either directly or indirectly, without the other person's consent, or with the other person's consent if the consent is obtained by fraud, and which is intended to hurt or damage regardless of whether actual hurt or damage was caused.

AUD or \$ means the lawful currency of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Automatic Match Suspension means a Match Suspension which cannot be reviewed or challenged except in the case of mistaken identity.

Business Day means a day other than a Saturday, a Sunday or a public holiday in Western Australia.

Chair means the Tribunal Member who is nominated as the chairperson of a Tribunal or Appeals Tribunal in accordance with Article 17.

Club means a Club registered with FFA in accordance with the National Registration Regulations.

Club Associate means one or more of the following, whether individually or collectively:

- Club Office Bearer;
- Club Official (including, but not limited to, a coach, Team manager, or anybody who is officially associated with the Club);
- Player;
- Non-playing member of a Club;
- Supporter of a Club;
- Club.

Competition Rules means the Competition Rules including the accompanying annexures currently in force as ratified by the Football West board of directors and published on the Football West website.

Competition Season means any series of competitive Matches.

Direct Red Card means a Red Card issued in accordance with the Laws of the Game which is not classed as an Indirect Red Card.

Disciplinary Infringement Notice means a notice issued by Football West to a Club or Club Associate as a result of the issue of a Red Card, an accumulation of Yellow Cards or a charge of a Misconduct.

Fixed Penalty means the penalty listed for each offence in the Table of Offences.

Fixed Penalty Offence means any of the offences set out in the Table of Offences.

FFA means Football Federation Australia.

FIFA means Fédération Internationale de Football Association.

Football means "Association Football" as recognised by FIFA from time to time. Football includes the games of soccer, modified football, MiniRoos, indoor football, 5-a-side football, futsal and beach football.

Football West Competition Management Regulations means the Football West Competition Management Regulations currently in force as ratified by the Football West board of directors and published on the Football West website.

Football West Constitution means the constitution of Football West Limited as adopted on 6 July 2004 and subsequently amended on 2 November 2006 and 19 December 2006 and published on the Football West website.

Grievance means a dispute in relation to decisions made or sanctions imposed under:

- the Competition Rules, as long as any alleged offence is not described by the Table of Offences in these regulations and as long as the relevant rule is not denoted as a decision or a ruling which is final;

- the Statutes and Regulations;
- the National Member Protection Policy; and
- any other matter as specified by Football West in its discretion.

Indirect Red Card means a Red Card issued to a Player as a result of being issued 2 Yellow Cards in a single Match.

Laws means the Laws of the Game, Football West Constitution, Football West Competition Rules, Statutes and Regulations, By-Laws and Policies as applicable from time to time.

Laws of the Game means the Laws of the Game currently in force as published by FIFA from time to time.

Match means any game of Football conducted by or under the control of Football West.

Match Commissioner means the person appointed by Football West in accordance with the Competition Rules as the official representative of Football West at a Match.

Match Official includes the following:

- Football West appointed referee
- Football West appointed assistant referee
- Football West appointed fourth official
- Football West appointed referee assessor
- Football West appointed Match Commissioner
- Any other person designated by Football West as a Match Official including a non-accredited referee chosen by a Club to preside over a Match in the absence of a Football West appointed referee

Match Suspension means a Suspension issued in terms of a number of Matches.

Member Federation means either Football West, Football New South Wales, Football Federation Victoria, Football Queensland, Northern New South Wales Football, Football Federation South Australia, Football Federation Tasmania, Football Northern Territory or Capital Football.

Misconduct means any act or omission by a Club, Club Associate or a Match Official which constitutes:

- a breach of the Statutes and Regulations;
- a breach of the FFA Statutes, any FFA Regulation, Policy or Code of Conduct which may be in place from time to time;
- a breach of the Laws;
- a breach of Football West regulations or Policy unless such regulations or Policy contains a provision or provisions for dealing with any breach thereof;
- in the opinion of Football West, conduct which is or may be prejudicial to the interests of the game of Football in Western Australia or to Football West or any of its sponsors.

NPL means the Competition called the National Premier Leagues under the jurisdiction of FFA.

Player means any person who is, from time to time, registered with a Club or is selected as a member of a Representative Team. For the avoidance of doubt, a reference to a Player during a Match includes a substitute and a substituted Player.

Policy means any policy currently in force as ratified by the Football West board of directors and published on the Football West website.

Protest means a formal dispute against a Match result arising from an allegation that a Club has fielded an ineligible Player.

Red Card means the card used to communicate to a Player that he has been sent off.

Representative Match means a Match in which a Representative Team participates.

Representative Team means a group of Players which may be registered with different Clubs but which represents Football West in a particular Match or series of Matches.

Respondent means the party against whom a Grievance has been lodged by an Applicant.

Rule Breach Notice means a notice issued by Football West to a Club or Club Associate as a result of a charge that the club breached the Competition Rules.

Statutes and Regulations means those statutes and regulations as published by FFA or FIFA from time to time.

Suspension has the meaning set out in Article 13.

Table of Offences means the list of offences as described in Article 27.

Team means any group of Players which represents the Club (whether formally or informally) in a Match or series of Matches, or with which the Club is connected in any way as determined by Football West.

Time Suspension means a Suspension issued in terms of days, months or an end date.

Tribunal means the Tribunal established pursuant to these regulations which is empowered to hear charges of Misconduct and Grievances.

Tribunal Member means a person appointed to the Tribunal by the Football West board of directors from time to time as deemed fit.

Yellow Card means the card used to communicate to a Player that he has been cautioned.

Interpretation

In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires;

- headings are for convenience of reference only and do not affect interpretation;
- references to any gender include all genders;
- references to the singular apply to the plural and vice versa;
- references to a person include any other entity recognised by law and vice versa;
- where a word or phrase is defined, its other grammatical forms have a corresponding meaning;
- any reference to a paragraph number refers to a paragraph in the same Article unless otherwise stated;
- any reference to a party to this document includes its successors and permitted assigns;
- any reference to any agreement or document includes that agreement or document as amended at any time;
- the use of the word includes or including is not to be taken as limiting the meaning of the words preceding it;
- the expression at any time includes reference to past, present and future time and the performance of any action from time to time;
- reference to a statute includes all regulations and amendments to that statute and any statute passed in substitution for that statute or incorporating any of its provisions to the extent that they are incorporated.
- all monetary amounts are inclusive of GST unless stated otherwise.
- any term defined in the Football West Constitution has the same meaning as set out in that document.

Article 4 - Investigation & Charges

1. Subject to these regulations, only the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Football West or the Head of Member Services of Football West, or a member of Football West staff authorised in writing by the either CEO or the Head of Member Services may bring a charge of Misconduct against a Club, Club Associate or a Match Official.
2. Football West may investigate any matter which in its opinion is relevant to whether or not a charge of Misconduct ought to be laid. Such investigation may be initiated on the basis of the report of the Match Official, a complaint by a Club, a report of any other person, or on the basis of any other evidence which in the opinion of Football West is credible.
3. Such investigation may be carried out by Football West as it sees fit and all Clubs, Club Associates and Match Officials are required to co-operate fully with Football West in the conduct of that investigation.
4. At any time Football West may determine whether any charge of Misconduct is to be laid and in relation to such charge whether:
 - a) it is to be referred to the Tribunal; or
 - b) it is to be dealt with pursuant to the Table of Offences; or
 - c) it is to be dealt with by mediation under these regulations; or
 - d) it is to be dealt with by referral to the Referees Technical Committee; or
 - e) it is to be dealt with by any combination of the above; or
 - f) no action is to be taken; or
 - g) it is to be dealt with in any other manner which Football West deems appropriate;and such determination shall be at the absolute discretion of Football West and not be capable of review by any party.
5. Football West may refer any grievance application lodged to a Tribunal. Football West may in its unfettered discretion choose not to investigate any matter which in its view is a vexatious claim and in such circumstances the reasons for viewing a claim as vexatious must be documented.
6. Failure to comply with a decision of Football West in accordance with paragraph 4 within the manner or time as prescribed by the decision, is itself a breach of these regulations. The non-compliant party may be subject to further sanction.

Article 5 - Yellow Card Infringements

1. A Yellow Card is a warning from a Match Official to a Player in respect of unfair behaviour of a less serious nature and is issued in accordance with Law 12 of the Laws of the Game as detailed below:
 - Y1 is guilty of unsporting behaviour
 - Y2 shows dissent by word or action
 - Y3 persistently infringes the Laws of the Game
 - Y4 delays the restart of play
 - Y5 fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick or throw-in

- Y6 enters or re-enters the field of play without the referee's permission
- Y7 deliberately leaves the field of play without the referee's permission
2. A Yellow Card issued to a Player may not be reviewed or challenged except in the case of mistaken identity.
 3. A Player who accumulates 4 Yellow Cards in the regular season must serve an Automatic Match Suspension of 1 Match regardless of the competition in which the cards were accrued.
 4. A Player who accumulates 8 Yellow Cards in the regular season must serve an Automatic Match Suspension of 2 Matches regardless of the competition in which the cards were accrued.
 5. A Player who accumulates 12 Yellow Cards in the regular season must serve an Automatic Match Suspension of 3 Matches regardless of the competition in which the cards were accrued.
 6. A Player who accumulates 16 Yellow Cards in the regular season must serve an Automatic Match Suspension of 4 Matches regardless of the competition in which the cards were accrued.
 7. A Player who accumulates 2 Yellow Cards in a pre-season competition, post-season competition or finals series must serve an Automatic Match Suspension of 1 Match.
 8. The accumulation of Yellow Cards, which does NOT result in a Suspension in accordance with paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7 will be reset to zero at the last match of the pre-season competition, the group stage of the pre-season competition, the regular season, any promotion and relegation play-off ties and any finals series.
 9. If a Player receives 2 Yellow Cards in a single Match and therefore receives an Indirect Red Card, the 2 Yellow Cards must not be included in the Player's accumulated total of Yellow Cards as described in paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.
 10. If a Player receives a Yellow Card and then a Direct Red Card in a single Match, the Yellow Card must be included in the Player's accumulated total of Yellow Cards as described in paragraphs 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.
 11. A single Yellow Card received during a friendly or Representative Match does not accumulate towards future competition Matches.
 12. A single Yellow Card issued during an abandoned Match must be annulled if the Match is replayed and upheld if the Match is not replayed.

Article 6 - Red Card Infringements

1. A Red Card is shown to a Player in respect of unfair behaviour of a more serious nature and is issued in accordance with Law 12 of the Laws of the Game as detailed below:
 - R1 is guilty of serious foul play
 - R2 is guilty of violent conduct
 - R3 spits at an opponent or any other person

- R4 denies the opposing Team a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within his own penalty area)
 - R5 denies the opposing Team an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or penalty kick
 - R6 uses offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures
 - R7 receives 2 Yellow Cards in the same Match
2. A player or Club Official who is shown a Red Card or sent from the Technical Area:
 - a) must leave the field of play and its surroundings and must not be present inside the perimeter fence or barrier, where one is present, or within 20 metres of the field of play where no perimeter fence or barrier is present, until at least 15 minutes following the end of the Match;
 - b) must serve an Automatic Match Suspension;
 - c) may be required to attend a Tribunal hearing depending on the seriousness of the Offence.
 3. A Player who is issued with a Red Card may not participate in any Football West Match on the same day either as a Club Associate, Club referee, Club assistant referee or in any other official capacity for the Club.
 4. An exclusion from participation in accordance with paragraph 3 is in addition to any sanction imposed by Football West or a Tribunal.
 5. A Red Card issued to a Player may not be reviewed or challenged except in the case of mistaken identity.
 6. A Player issued with a Red Card must serve an Automatic Match Suspension of 1 Match.
 7. A Player who accumulates a second Red Card in a Competition Season must serve an Automatic Match Suspension of 2 Matches.
 8. A Player who accumulates a third Red Card in a Competition Season must serve an Automatic Match Suspension of 3 Matches.
 9. A Player who accumulates a fourth Red Card in a Competition Season must serve an Automatic Match Suspension of 4 Matches.
 10. The imposition of an Automatic Match Suspension is immediate. For completeness, Football West must issue a Disciplinary Infringement Notice in accordance with these regulations except in the circumstances described in paragraph 11, but for the avoidance of doubt, the Automatic Match Suspension is effective regardless of whether or not the Disciplinary Infringement Notice is received before the next Match.
 11. In circumstances in which a player is issued with a Red Card and sent from the Field of Play for an offence that carries the penalty of a one match suspension, a Disciplinary Infringement Notice will NOT be issued. However, for the avoidance of doubt, the player must serve his one match suspension in accordance with these regulations.

12. In addition to the Automatic Match Suspension described in paragraphs 6, 7, 8 and 9, the Player may be required to serve an Additional Suspension in accordance with the Table of Offences.
13. A Red Card issued during an abandoned Match must be upheld regardless of whether or not the Match is replayed.

Article 7 - Decisions of Match Officials

1. Facts contained in Match Officials' reports are presumed to be accurate.
2. Proof of the inaccuracy of the contents of these reports may be provided by any party.
3. If there is any discrepancy in the reports from the various Match Officials and there are no means of resolving the different versions of the facts, the referee's report is considered authoritative regarding incidents that occurred on the field of play and the Match Commissioner's report is considered authoritative regarding incidents that took place outside the field of play.

Article 8 - Offences by Non-Playing Club Associates

1. A referee may expel a non-playing Club Associate from the field of play, its surrounds and the technical area if the Club Associate is, in the opinion of the referee, guilty of Misconduct.
2. An expelled non-playing Club Associate may not be present inside the perimeter fence or barrier, where one is present, or within 20 metres of the field of play where no perimeter fence or barrier is present, until at least 15 minutes following the end of the Match.
3. A non-playing Club Associate who has been expelled from the field of play, its surrounds and the technical area, must serve an Automatic Match Suspension of 1 Match.
4. A non-playing Club Associate who has been expelled from the field of play, its surrounds and the technical area on 2 occasions during a Competition Season, must serve an Automatic Match Suspension of 2 Matches.
5. A non-playing Club Associate who has been expelled from the field of play, its surrounds and the technical area on 3 occasions during a Competition Season, must serve an Automatic Match Suspension of 3 Matches.
6. A non-playing Club Associate who has been expelled from the field of play, its surrounds and the technical area on 4 occasions during a Competition Season, must serve an Automatic Match Suspension of 4 Matches.
7. The imposition of an Automatic Match Suspension is immediate. For completeness, Football West must issue a Disciplinary Infringement Notice in accordance with these regulations, but for the avoidance of doubt, the Automatic Match Suspension is effective regardless of whether or not the Disciplinary Infringement Notice is received by the Club of the expelled non-playing Club Associate before the next Match.
8. A non-playing Club Associate who is expelled by a referee in accordance with paragraph 1 may not participate in any Football West Match on the same day either as a Player, coach, ground official, Club referee, Club assistant referee or in any other official capacity for the Club.

9. In addition to the Automatic Match Suspensions prescribed in paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6, the non-playing Club Associate may be subject to additional penalties in accordance with the Table of Offences.

Article 9 - Team Misconduct

1. A Club which has 5 or more individual Players cautioned or sent off in a single Match, must be sanctioned in accordance with the Table of Offences.
2. A Club which has 3 or more individual Players sent off in a single Match, must be sanctioned in accordance with the Table of Offences.
3. A Club in which multiple Players collectively show dissent towards a Match Official or collectively seek to intimidate, threaten or exert pressure on a Match Official during a Match to make or alter a decision must be sanctioned in accordance with the Table of Offences.

Article 10 - Other Misconduct

1. A Club or Club Associate may be charged with Misconduct if there are grounds for doing so.

Article 11 - Persistent Serious Offending by a Club

1. A Club that is guilty of persistent serious offending may, at the discretion of Football West be disaffiliated from Football West. Persistent serious offending includes, but is not limited to:
 - a) Causing the abandonment of a match on 3 or more occasions in a single season; or
 - b) Causing the abandonment of a match on 6 or more occasions in any 3 seasons; or
 - c) Being guilty of Offence 27 (See Table of Offences) on 3 or more occasions in any number of Competition Seasons; or
 - d) Club Associates involved in mass brawls or melees on 3 or more occasions in a single season; or
 - e) Club Associates involved in mass brawls or melees on 6 or more occasions in any 3 seasons.
2. A Club that has been disaffiliated from Football West in accordance with paragraph 1, may request that the matter be referred to a Tribunal in accordance with Article 19.

Article 12 - Charges against Match Officials

1. A charge against a Match Official must be referred to the Referees Technical Committee in the first instance.
2. The Referees Technical Committee may refer a charge against a Match Official to the Tribunal after the matter has been considered by the Referees Technical Committee.
3. A Match Official who has failed to declare an actual or perceived conflict of interest as described in the Competition Rules may be subject to disciplinary action by the Referees Technical Committee. In such cases, the Referees Technical Committee may refer the matter to the Tribunal.

Article 13 - Serving a Suspension

1. A Suspension is a ban on taking part in a Match in any official capacity, which includes, but is not limited to, participating as a Match Official, Club Associate or representing the Club in any other manner.
2. A suspended Club Associate may not enter the field of play, the surrounds of the field of play, the technical area, the Players' race or any other area within a venue where Club Associates are likely to assemble to prepare for a Match for 15 minutes before the Match commences and continuing until 15 minutes after the Match ends.
3. A Club Associate serving a Match Suspension is suspended from participating in all Matches in any role until the Team in which the Club Associate was participating when he incurred the Suspension has completed the number of competition Matches equivalent to the Suspension. The following examples illustrate how this rule works.

Example 1

A player who is sent off in his Club's Under 18s Match and receives a 2 match suspension may not play any matches for his Club until the completion of his Club's next 2 Under 18s Matches. This prohibition includes playing in any Under 20s, First Team Matches or even Junior Matches which kick off before the completion of the second Under 18s Match.

Example 2

A player who is sent off in his Club's Reserves Match and receives a 1 match suspension may not play any matches for his Club until the completion of his Club's next Reserves Match. However, if the next Reserves Match takes place on the following Saturday at 1pm and concludes at 2:50pm, the player may be named and take part in the First Team match that immediately follows the Reserves Match at 3:00pm since his suspension will be complete at the end of the Reserves Match.

Example 3

A player who is sent off in his Club's final Under 18s Match of the season and receives a 1 match suspension may not play any matches for his Club until the completion of his Club's first Under 18s Match in the following season. This prohibition includes playing in any Night Series matches that traditionally take place before the beginning of each season as the Night Series is a competition for First Teams.

Example 4

A player who is sent off in his Club's final Under 20s Match of the season and receives a 1 match suspension but who turns 21 the following year and is therefore ineligible to compete in the Under 20s competition, must serve his suspension in his next competition in which he is eligible to play, in this case the Club's First Team. This means that he would serve his suspension in the first Night Series match of the following season.

Example 5

A coach who is sent from the technical area during a Match, but who is also registered as a player for a different team (even if that team is in a different club), may not participate as either a coach or a player for any club or team until his suspension for being sent from the technical area while coaching has been served.

4. If a Club Associate plays or coaches while under suspension and Football West consequently retroactively enforces a forfeit against the offending Club, then the Club Associate will have been deemed to have served one match of his suspension during the match in question.
5. If a Club Associate serving a Suspension changes Clubs, this does not affect the Suspension.
6. A Player serving a Time Suspension or a Match Suspension which, when imposed, comprised a penalty greater than the Automatic Match Suspension is not eligible to be selected for a Representative Team.
7. All Suspensions not completed in a single Competition Season carry over to the following Competition Season.
8. If a Suspension cannot be served in the same age group in which it was incurred, the Suspension carries over to the next highest age group.
9. If a Suspension cannot be served in the same age group in which it was incurred, and it is not able to be carried over to the next highest age group in accordance with paragraph 8, then the Player serves the remaining Suspension in whichever competition he enters.
10. If a Suspension cannot be served in the team or competition in which the suspension was incurred, Football West will determine how the suspension will be served.
11. A Club Associate may not register with or move to another Club for the purpose of serving a Suspension in another competition. Where circumstances arise which suggest that a Club Associate may have attempted this, Football West must investigate the matter and make a determination. If proven, Football West must reinstate any Suspension which may have been served in the other competition.
12. An Automatic Match Suspension incurred in a friendly Match must be served in the next friendly Match. However, where a suspension is incurred in the Club's final friendly Match before a competitive Match(es), the suspension will be held in abeyance until the Club's next friendly Match, whether in the same or a subsequent Competition Season.
13. An Additional Suspension imposed for an offence which occurred in a friendly Match must be served in the next competition Match.
14. If a Club Associate cannot complete his Suspension during a single Competition Season, and his Suspension continues into the following Competition Season, he may participate in friendly Matches as long as any such friendly Match takes place prior to the commencement of the following Competition Season. For the avoidance of doubt, Football West is the sole judge of when a Competition Season commences.
15. If a Club Associate is suspended during the Competition Season, he may not compete in any friendly Matches until that Suspension has been served except in circumstances specified in paragraph 14.
16. A Match Suspension incurred in one form of Football does not affect a Player's participation in any other form of Football.
17. A Time Suspension incurred in any form of Football is effective in ALL forms of Football.

18. If a Match is postponed, the postponed Match is not credited as a Match served for a Club Associate serving a Match Suspension.
19. If a Match is abandoned or forfeited, the Match is credited as a Match served for a Club Associate serving a Match Suspension only if the Team to which the Player serving a Suspension belongs did not cause the Match to be abandoned or forfeited.

Article 14 - Mediation

1. In any allegation of Misconduct, or in any Grievance, Football West may require a Club to attend a meeting with Football West and an independent person who will act as a mediator for the purpose of attempting to reach agreement as to how the allegation is to be managed.
2. Any such meeting must be conducted under conditions similar to the without prejudice rule and the mediator may not impose any decision on any of the parties.
3. A failure by a Club to attend such a meeting when requested, without reasonable excuse, will be charged with Misconduct.
4. Unless agreement is reached at such a meeting and recorded in writing and signed by the parties, Football West may in its complete discretion, decide to refer the allegation of Misconduct or the Grievance to the Tribunal.

Article 15 - Player Eligibility Protests

1. A Club may lodge a Protest about the validity of a Match result based on the eligibility of a Player or Players. A Protest may only be lodged by one of the Clubs which participated in the Match which is being disputed. The Protest must:
 - a) be lodged with Football West in writing signed by either the secretary or president of the club making the protest; and
 - b) be received within 72 hours of the completion of the Match (lodgement by email is acceptable as long as the email is received from the Club secretary or president); and
 - c) be accompanied by the Protest fee of \$110. For the avoidance of doubt, a Protest which is lodged by email will not be deemed a valid Protest unless the Protest fee is received by Football West within 72 hours of the completion of the Match; and
 - d) describe the details of the alleged ineligibility of the Player or Players about whom the Protest is lodged.
2. A Protest which does not meet the requirements of paragraph 1 will be deemed to be an invalid Protest and will not be accepted.
3. No Protest will be accepted if the Club lodging the Protest has a debt with Football West which is more than 30 days old. In such circumstances, the Protest must be dismissed.
4. Protests must be investigated by Football West.
5. In the event that a Protest is proven, the Protest fee must be refunded in full to the Club which lodged the Protest.
6. In the event a Protest is proven, Football West may charge the offending Club with Misconduct.

7. Football West may convene a Tribunal to hear any matter resulting from a Protest and the Tribunal may impose a sanction in accordance with Article 21.4 of the FFA Constitution.
8. If the Protest is not proven, then the Match result will stand and the Protest fee will not be refunded.

Article 16 - Notification

1. Where Football West is required under these regulations to notify any Club of any matter then such requirement is deemed to have been satisfied by Football West by:
 - a) sending any such notification by email to the Club's email address last identified to Football West by that Club; or
 - b) sending such notification by ordinary mail to the Club's relevant postal address last identified to Football West by that Club.
2. Such notification is deemed to have been received:
 - a) in the case of notification by email or facsimile, at the time at which such email or facsimile is sent; or
 - b) in the case of notification by post, at the expiration of 2 Business Days following the date on which such notification was posted.

Article 17 - Tribunal

1. Football West must appoint Tribunal Members.
2. Football West must appoint one of the Tribunal Members to be the Tribunal Chair. The Tribunal Chair must be an Australian legal practitioner within the meaning of paragraph 5 of the Legal Profession Act 2008 (WA).
3. Where at a particular hearing the Tribunal consists of more than one Tribunal Member:
 - a) if the Tribunal Chair is one of the Tribunal Members appointed for that hearing he or she must act as Chair at the hearing;
 - b) if the Tribunal Chair is not one of the Tribunal Members appointed to the Tribunal for that hearing, Football West must appoint one of the Tribunal Members to act as Chair at the hearing, failing which the Tribunal Members at the hearing may elect a Member to act as a Tribunal Chair for that hearing. The Tribunal Chair so appointed must be an Australian legal practitioner within the meaning of paragraph 5 of the Legal Profession Act 2008 (WA).
4. A person may not be appointed to the Tribunal if he or she is:
 - a) an official of a Club; or
 - b) an employee of Football West; or
 - c) a Football West director; or
 - d) a Football West member; or
 - e) a member of any Football West standing committee; or
 - f) a member of the Referees Technical Committee.
5. Subject to these regulations the Tribunal will ordinarily consist of 3 members, but may sit with either 1 or 2 members.

6. A Tribunal Member may only be removed from the Tribunal at the direction of Football West.
7. No Tribunal Member may represent a Club in any proceedings before the Tribunal whilst a Tribunal Member or within the same calendar year in which he or she is a Tribunal Member.
8. A Tribunal Member may also be a member of an Appeals Tribunal, but may not hear an appeal against a Tribunal decision if he or she was a member of the Tribunal which made the original decision.
9. A Tribunal Member appointed by Football West must disqualify himself or herself at any hearing where he or she is in any way directly or indirectly interested in a matter to be heard by the Tribunal, or otherwise has any relationship with any party to the matter such that that person is or may be seen to be not independent.

Article 18 - Jurisdiction of the Tribunal

1. The Tribunal has jurisdiction in any matters referred to it by Football West.
2. The Tribunal has the authority to issue any sanction as specified in Article 21.4 of the FFA Constitution.

Article 19 - Tribunal Hearings (Misconduct)

1. On receipt of a Misconduct report, evidence of Misconduct by a Team pursuant to Article 9 or as a result of an investigation, Football West may:
 - a) issue a Disciplinary Infringement Notice (except in accordance with Article 6 paragraph 11) and sanction the offending party in accordance with the Table of Offences; or
 - b) refer the matter to a Tribunal.
2. A Disciplinary Infringement Notice issued in accordance with paragraph 1(a) must detail the alleged offence, the sanction imposed and must contain the particulars of the Match or event at which the alleged offence occurred.
3. On receipt of a Disciplinary Infringement Notice, the Club may elect to either:
 - a) accept the specified sanction; or
 - b) request the matter be referred to a Tribunal unless the infringement notice states that the sanction may not be challenged.
4. A Club electing to have a matter referred to the Tribunal in accordance with paragraph 3(b) must:
 - a) lodge the request in writing on the prescribed form signed by the Club secretary or president (lodgement by email is acceptable as long as the email is received from the Club secretary or president); and
 - b) ensure the request is received by Football West by 5:00pm on the 5th Business Day following the notice being sent by Football West.
5. Football West may alter the timeframes required for lodgement of Tribunal requests in cases where a determination is required before a dependent Match or event.

6. Applications which do not meet the criteria specified in paragraph 4 and, where applicable, paragraph 5, will not be accepted under any circumstances.
7. An application fee is payable to Football West in order that the matter may be heard. However, the application fee is only payable after the hearing and only if the charge is upheld. The relevant fees are:

a) NPL Seniors, State League	\$550
b) Amateur, Metropolitan, Masters & Women's Leagues	\$550
c) NPL Juniors, Junior Boys, Junior Girls and MiniRoos Leagues	\$220
8. No request for a Tribunal hearing will be accepted if the Club making the request has a debt with Football West that is more than 30 days old as at 5 business days following the issue of the Disciplinary Infringement Notice. In such circumstances, the Tribunal must not hear the matter.
9. Upon receipt of a Tribunal hearing request Football West must convene the Tribunal to hear the matter as soon as practicable.
10. A Club Associate may elect to have a matter referred to the Tribunal in accordance with paragraph 3(b) and may be excused from the requirements of paragraph 4(a) if the Club Associate can establish that he is no longer associated with the Club. In such cases, Football West may, at its discretion, request a Tribunal Fee prior to the scheduling of a Tribunal hearing, which will be refunded if the charge is not upheld.
11. In the event of a Club or Club Associate electing to have a matter referred to the Tribunal, except in the circumstances described in paragraph 12, any Additional Suspension must not be imposed while the Tribunal hearing is pending.
12. In the event of a Club or Club Associate electing to have a matter referred to the Tribunal, and the basis of the challenge is that of mistaken identity, any sanction including the Automatic Match Suspension must not be imposed while the Tribunal hearing is pending.
13. If a matter is referred to the Tribunal in accordance with paragraph 1(b), and the Club Associate is charged with either Assaulting a Match Official or with intentionally, recklessly or negligently making contact with or striking a Match Official, then the Club Associate is suspended until the matter has been determined by the Tribunal.
14. The Tribunal must not expunge a Red Card except in the case of mistaken identity.
15. The Tribunal must not expunge an Automatic Match Suspension except in the case of mistaken identity.
16. Football West may appoint a referee advisor to any Tribunal hearing. Any such appointment is made to provide advice on the Laws of the Game and other refereeing matters. The referee advisor is not a member of the Tribunal and holds no such authority at any Tribunal hearing.
17. Football West may appoint a representative to any Tribunal hearing. The representative may argue the case on behalf of Football West.
18. The Tribunal may:
 - a) make a finding that the offence has not been proven in which case it may remove or decrease any Additional Suspension that may have been imposed; or

- b) make a finding that the offence has been proven in which case the Tribunal may, in its discretion, increase the penalty or impose any additional sanctions on the Club Associate or Club as it sees fit; or
 - c) make a finding that the Club Associate or Club is guilty of a different offence in which case, if the Tribunal in its discretion sees fit, it may impose any sanctions on the Club Associate or Club as it sees fit; or
 - d) make such other findings as is required by the nature of the hearing.
19. A Tribunal that finds an offence has been proven in accordance with paragraph 18(b) must not impose a penalty lower than the fixed penalty.

Article 20 - Tribunal Hearings (Grievance)

1. An application for a Tribunal hearing to hear a Grievance may only be lodged by the following:
 - a) a Club Associate that has been charged with breaching the Competition Rules;
 - b) a Club Associate that has been charged with breaching any of the Statutes and Regulations;
 - c) a Club Associate that has been charged with breaching the FFA Member Protection Policy;
 - d) a Match Official upon whom a sanction has been imposed by the Referees Technical Committee in accordance with its terms of reference; or
 - e) Football West.
2. An Applicant must lodge an application with Football West on the prescribed form (lodgement by email is acceptable as long as, in the case of a Club, the email is received from the Club secretary or president).
3. Football West must provide a copy of the application to the Respondent and any other affected party as soon as practicable.
4. The application form must be signed by the Applicant in the case of the Applicant being an individual, or the Club president or secretary in the case of the Applicant being a Club. It must also contain the following mandatory information:
 - a) the name and contact details of the Applicant and the Respondent and, if applicable, any affected party;
 - b) the subject matter of the Grievance and the relevant date(s);
 - c) a statement summarising the relevant facts; and
 - d) a statement which details the desired outcome.
5. An application fee is payable to Football West in order that the matter may be heard. However, the application fee is only payable after the hearing and only if the Applicant's claim is dismissed. The relevant fees are:

a) NPL Seniors, State League	\$550
b) Amateur, Metropolitan, Masters & Women's Leagues	\$550
c) NPL Juniors, Junior Boys, Junior Girls and MiniRoos Leagues	\$220
d) Match Official	\$110
6. No request for a Grievance hearing will be accepted if the Club making the request has a debt with Football West that is more than 30 days old as at 5 business days following the issue of the Rule Breach Notice. In such circumstances, the Tribunal must not hear the matter.

7. The application fee for a matter as described in paragraph 5 may be waived on application to Football West. Any application to waive the application fee must be lodged before the matter is heard by the Tribunal. Whether the fee is waived or not is entirely at the discretion of Football West and any such decision is final and is not subject to review.
8. A Club may lodge a Grievance against a charge of breaching the Competitions Rules unless the Notification of Rule Breach states that the sanction may not be challenged.
9. A Club lodging a Grievance against a charge of breaching the Competition Rules must:
 - a) lodge the request in writing on the prescribed form signed by the Club secretary or president (lodgement by email is acceptable as long as the email is received from the Club secretary or president); and
 - b) ensure the request is received by Football West by 5:00pm on the 5th Business Day following the notice being sent by Football West.

Article 21 - Tribunal Procedure

1. If Football West refers a matter to the Tribunal it must:
 - a) notify all persons who may be affected by the Tribunal's decision of the following matters:
 - (1) the time, date and place at which the hearing will take place;
 - (2) sufficient details of the allegations against the party charged to enable the party to prepare a response to the allegations;
 - (3) details of any documents or other evidence (e.g. video evidence) which will be relied upon at the hearing in support of the charge; and
 - (4) that the party may make written representations to the Tribunal and/or appear before the Tribunal to make submissions.
2. The Tribunal may conduct the hearing in any manner as it sees fit including, but not limited to, by way of teleconference or video conference and may, if it considers it appropriate, allow an amendment to the charges or adjourn the hearing provided that:
 - a) all parties affected are given a reasonable opportunity to be heard; and
 - b) the hearing is conducted with as little formality and technicality and with as much expedition as proper consideration of the matters before it permits.
3. The Tribunal is not bound by the rules of evidence nor by the practices or procedures applicable to courts of record but may inform itself as to any matter and in such manner it deems appropriate.
4. The Tribunal at its sole discretion may determine a matter before it in the absence of any parties.
5. Subject to these regulations the Tribunal may make guidelines with respect to practice and procedure of a hearing provided that such guidelines are not inconsistent with these regulations. Any such guidelines are not binding on the Tribunal and any decision by the Tribunal will not be invalid by reason of a guideline not being followed.
6. Notwithstanding the above, the Tribunal may follow these procedures:
 - a) at the commencement of a hearing the Tribunal member or Chair may read out each charge.
 - b) the person charged, if present, may be asked whether or not he pleads guilty or not guilty.

- c) the parties may be invited to give to the Tribunal a summary of the matters on which they wish to rely.
 - d) if video evidence of the Match or incident is available, then the video evidence may be produced and viewed by the Tribunal before any person has given his evidence.
 - e) the Tribunal may require any witnesses who are not parties to the matter to wait outside the hearing room until they are called upon to give evidence.
 - f) where the author of a document relied upon by a party is not present to be questioned about that document, the Tribunal may attach such weight as it deems appropriate to the document.
 - g) the parties may call evidence from such witnesses as are permitted by the Tribunal and all such witnesses can be subject to questioning by the other party or members of the Tribunal.
 - h) evidence may be given in person or by way of a telephone or video link.
 - i) if video evidence is to be relied upon then the Tribunal must view all of the relevant sections of that video evidence.
 - j) submissions made by the relevant parties to a hearing may be considered by the Tribunal at its discretion.
7. At the completion of the evidence:
- a) the parties must leave the hearing room if requested by the Tribunal.
 - b) the Tribunal may consider all the evidence and submissions made during the hearing and make a determination on the balance of probabilities with respect to whether or not the charge or charges or matter have been proven.
 - c) the Tribunal may determine that the party charged is guilty of the offence charged or is guilty of a different offence.
 - d) where the Tribunal is constituted by 3 persons then it will be sufficient for a majority of those persons to agree on the decision.
 - e) where the Tribunal is constituted by 2 persons, the Chair has a casting vote.

Article 22 - Unsuccessful Challenges

1. A Club Associate that accepts the penalty stipulated in a Disciplinary Infringement Notice is entitled to the Reduced Penalty as described in the Table of Offences.
2. Where a Club Associate challenges the penalty stipulated in a Disciplinary Infringement Notice at a Tribunal Hearing, and the offence is proven, the Club Associate will be sanctioned with the Fixed Penalty as described in the Table of Offences.

Article 23 - Penalties & Sanctions

1. A sanction, whether issued by Football West, a Tribunal or an Appeals Tribunal must be consistent with Article 21.4 of the FFA Constitution.
2. A Suspension may be imposed in terms of days, months, an end date or Matches. Except in the case of an Assault against a Match Official, in which case the maximum Suspension is for life, a Suspension may not exceed either 24 Matches or 24 months, whichever is the greater.
3. Football West, a Tribunal or an Appeals Tribunal may, in the case of multiple offences, impose concurrent Suspensions to the maximum of the Suspension applicable to the most serious offence for some or all of the offences.

4. Subject to paragraph 3, where Football West imposes a sanction on a Club Associate charged with multiple offences, and more than one of the offences carries a penalty which includes an Automatic Match Suspension, each occurrence of an Automatic Match Suspension for the second and subsequent offence is converted to an Additional Suspension of one Match.
5. Where a sanction imposes a Suspension on a Club Associate (whether by reference to a number of Matches or period of time), the Suspension must not be structured in more than one part or in any way that allows the Club Associate to serve the Suspension in a fragmented way by participating in a certain Match or Matches (in whatever competition) and then resuming the Suspension.
6. If a sanction does not exceed 6 Matches or 6 months, a Tribunal or Appeals Tribunal may order that part of the sanction is suspended. In such circumstances:
 - a) no less than 50% of the sanction MUST be served immediately;
 - b) the suspended part of the sanction is subject to a probationary period of between 6 months and 24 months at the Tribunal's discretion; and
 - c) if the Club Associate benefitting from the suspended sanction commits another infringement during the probationary period, the suspended part is automatically revoked by Football West and that sanction is applied in full in addition to any sanction imposed for the new offence.
7. Paragraph 6 is not applicable to sanctions which are greater than 6 months or 6 matches.
8. If a sanction is imposed in accordance with paragraph 6, the sanction must specify the offences which, if committed, activate the suspended part of the sanction.
9. Where a Time Suspension is to be imposed, and at the time of delivery of the sanction, some or all of the Suspension would coincide with the off-season:
 - a) the Tribunal must first determine what is the appropriate sanction to be served for the Offence by applying the appropriate sanction in accordance with the Table of Offences; and
 - b) Football West must then extend the length of the Suspension by the period of the relevant off-season that would otherwise coincide with the period of Suspension.
10. The Tribunal must inform Football West in writing of its decision. Football West must advise the parties of the Tribunal's decision as soon as practicable following receipt of the Tribunal's decision.
11. The Tribunal may have regard to any matters which it considers relevant to the question of penalty and, without limitation, may consider:
 - a) the seriousness of any offence;
 - b) any loss or damage sustained by any party howsoever arising from the conduct;
 - c) evidence of prior proven Misconduct by the party charged; and
 - d) insofar as they are relevant, the objectives of the Football West Constitution.
12. If a Time Suspension is imposed on a Club Associate of more than 8 years in duration, the Club Associate may apply to have the Suspension reviewed after not less than 5 years from the date the Suspension was imposed. In such cases, the review must be heard and determined by the Tribunal.

Article 24 - Appeal Hearings

1. A party subject to a decision by a Tribunal may appeal that decision on the following grounds only:
 - a) a party was not afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard;
 - b) the determination was affected by bias;
 - c) the decision was one that was not reasonably open to the Tribunal having regard to the evidence before that Tribunal.

2. A party which appeals a decision of a Tribunal in accordance with paragraph 1 must:
 - a) lodge the request to appeal the decision in writing on the prescribed form signed by the Club secretary or president; and
 - b) ensure the request to appeal the decision is delivered by hand or by registered post; and
 - c) ensure the request to appeal the decision is received by Football West by 5:00pm on the 5th Business Day following the receipt of the decision notice of the Tribunal.

3. Football West may alter the timeframes required for lodgement of Appeals Tribunal requests in cases where a determination is required before a dependent Match or event.

4. A Club Associate may appeal a decision of a Tribunal in accordance with paragraph 1 and may be excused from the requirements of paragraph 2(a) if the Club Associate can establish that he is no longer associated with the Club.

5. Applications which do not meet the criteria specified in paragraph 2 and, where applicable, paragraph 3, will not be accepted except under the provisions of paragraph 4.

6. An application fee is payable to Football West in order that the appeal may be heard. However, the application fee is only payable after the appeal and only if the appeal is dismissed. The relevant fees are:

a) NPL Seniors, State League	\$880
b) Amateur, Metropolitan, Masters & Women's Leagues	\$660
c) NPL Juniors, Junior Boys, Junior Girls and MiniRoos Leagues	\$330
d) Match Official	\$220

7. No request for an Appeal hearing will be accepted if the Club making the request has a debt with Football West which is more than 30 days old. In such circumstances, the Tribunal must not hear the matter.

8. If part of a penalty is suspended in accordance with Article 23 paragraph 6, that penalty may only be appealed in accordance with paragraph 2. For the avoidance of doubt, this means that the penalty must be appealed by the 5th Business Day following the issue of the decision notice of the suspended sentence and not within 5 Business Days of any sanction being enacted by virtue of a further breach by the party.

9. Football West may make submissions if a decision has the potential to affect Football West or Football generally and may appoint an advocate to attend on its behalf.

10. Football West may appeal the decision of a Tribunal. Should Football West exercise this right, it must do in writing to the Tribunal Chair by 5:00pm on the 5th Business Day following the issue of the decision notice of the Tribunal and specify the grounds of the appeal in accordance with paragraph 1.

11. Football West may appoint a referee advisor to any appeals hearing. Any such appointment is made to provide advice on the Laws of the Game and other refereeing matters. The referee advisor is not a member of the Appeals Tribunal and holds no such authority at any appeal hearing.
12. Upon receipt of an application for an appeal Football West will:
 - a) fix a date, time and place for the hearing of the appeal as soon as practicable; and
 - b) advise all parties interested in the appeal in writing of these particulars.
13. The Appeals Tribunal may vary the date, time and place specified under these regulations and upon doing so, Football West must provide all parties interested in the appeal written notice of any such variation as soon as practicable.

Article 25 - Appeals Tribunal Procedure

1. A party in receipt of an appeal hearing notice is required to attend. If the party is unable to attend, the Appeals Tribunal may either:
 - a) delay the hearing until the Club Associate is able to attend; or
 - b) proceed with the hearing and make a ruling in the absence of the party.
2. In the event of a party appealing the decision of a Tribunal, any Additional Suspension must not be imposed while the appeal hearing is pending.
3. If a party does not attend an appeal hearing and the Tribunal chooses to delay the hearing in accordance with paragraph 1(a), the effect of paragraph 2 is annulled and the party is suspended until the matter is heard by the Appeals Tribunal or until the imposed Suspension period expires, whichever is the sooner.
4. Only submissions in relation to the grounds of appeal as specified in Article 24 paragraph 1 may be heard. For the avoidance of doubt, all testimony in relation to the actual offence which was heard at the Tribunal is specifically excluded unless requested by the Appeals Tribunal.
5. The Appeals Tribunal must:
 - a) provide any person whose interests would be directly and adversely affected by its decision a reasonable opportunity to be heard;
 - b) determine the matter before it in an unbiased manner; and
 - c) make a determination that is reasonably open to the Appeals Tribunal having regard to the evidence before it.
6. The Chair of the Appeals Tribunal may, on application by a party to the appeal or of its own motion order that the appeal be adjourned.
7. Subject to the matters set out in these regulations, the Appeals Tribunal may regulate any proceedings brought before it in such manner as it sees fit.
8. The matter before the Appeals Tribunal will be:
 - a) inquisitorial in nature; and
 - b) conducted with as little formality and technicality and with as much expedition as the proper consideration of the matter before it permits.

9. The Appeals Tribunal is not bound by the rules of evidence or by the practices or procedures applicable to courts of record but may inform itself as to any matter and in such manner it deems appropriate.
10. The Appeals Tribunal may confirm, reverse or modify the decision of the Tribunal and, subject to these regulations, make such orders and give such directions in such matters as it deems appropriate.
11. If the Appeals Tribunal in a particular matter is constituted by more than one person, the question on appeal before the Appeals Tribunal must be decided by a majority if the Appeals Tribunal consists of 3 persons or if the Appeals Tribunal consists of only 2 persons, the Chair shall have a deciding vote if necessary.
12. An Appeals Tribunal may:
 - a) make a finding that the offence has not been proven in which case it may remove any Additional Suspension that may have been imposed.
 - b) make a finding that the offence has been proven in which case the Tribunal may, in its discretion, increase the Fixed Penalty or impose any additional sanctions on the Club Associate or Club as it sees fit; or
 - c) make a finding that the Club Associate or Club is guilty of a different offence in which case the relevant Fixed Penalty may be applied and, if the Tribunal in its discretion sees fit, it may increase that Fixed Penalty or impose any additional sanctions.
 - d) make such other findings as is required by the nature of the appeal.

Article 26 - Tribunal & Appeals Tribunal Decisions

1. A Tribunal or Appeals Tribunal is required to give reasons for its decision. However, the Tribunal or Appeals Tribunal may direct that the reasons are not for publication.
2. A decision of a Tribunal or Appeals Tribunal must:
 - a) be made in writing;
 - b) contain the terms of the decision;
 - c) contain the date on which the decision was made;
 - d) be forwarded promptly to Football West.
3. A decision of a Tribunal remains in force unless changed by the Appeals Tribunal.
4. Subject only to the FFA Grievance Procedure By-Law, the decision of an Appeals Tribunal is final and binding on the parties to the appeal.
5. Failure to comply with a decision of a Tribunal or Appeals Tribunal within the manner or time as prescribed by the decision is itself a breach of these regulations. The non-compliant party is subject to further sanction.
6. A party which affiliates or registers with Football West or FFA is deemed to accept these regulations.

Article 27 - Table of Offences

In this Table of Offences, an Automatic Match Suspension is abbreviated to AMS.

Offence No	Offence Description	Reduced Penalty	Fixed Penalty
1a	Serious foul play	N/A	AMS
1b	Serious foul play with high risk of injury	AMS plus 2 Matches	AMS plus 3 Matches
2a	Violent conduct	AMS plus 1 Matches	AMS plus 2 Matches
2b	Serious violent conduct	AMS plus 4 Matches	AMS plus 6 Matches
3a	Spits at a Player or other person (excluding a Match Official)	AMS plus 5 Matches	AMS plus 7 Matches
3b	Spits on a Player or other person (excluding a Match Official)	AMS plus 8 Matches	AMS plus 10 Matches
3c	Spits on the face of a Player or other person (excluding a Match Official)	AMS plus 11 Matches	AMS plus 14 Matches
4	Uses discriminatory language or gestures including racist, religious, ethnic or sexist language or gestures	AMS plus 4 Matches	AMS plus 6 Matches
5	Incites a brawl or melee	AMS plus 5 Matches	AMS plus 7 Matches
6a	Causes the abandonment of a Match (Player)	AMS plus 7 Matches	AMS plus 10 Matches
6b	Causes the abandonment of a Match (Club, Team or non-playing Club Associate – NPL, State League, Women’s State League or Amateur League)	Forfeit plus: \$800 for the first offence An additional \$800 for each subsequent offence	Forfeit plus: \$1,000 for the first offence An additional \$1,000 for each subsequent offence
6c	Causes the abandonment of a Match (Club, Team or non-playing Club Associate - Metropolitan, Masters, Women’s Metropolitan Leagues)	Forfeit plus: \$600 for the first offence An additional \$600 for each subsequent offence	Forfeit plus: \$800 for the first offence An additional \$800 for each subsequent offence
6d	Causes the abandonment of a Match (Club, Team or non-playing Club Associate – Junior Leagues)	Forfeit plus: \$500 for the first offence An additional \$500 for each subsequent offence	Forfeit plus: \$600 for the first offence An additional \$600 for each subsequent offence
7	Denies the opposing Team an obvious goal scoring opportunity	N/A	AMS

Offence No	Offence Description	Reduced Penalty	Fixed Penalty
8	Uses offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures	N/A	AMS
9	Receives 2 Yellow Cards in the same Match	N/A	AMS
Offences against a Match Official			
10	Uses offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures against a Match Official	N/A	AMS
11	Unsporting behaviour towards a Match Official	AMS plus 3 Matches	AMS plus 4 Matches
12	Uses threatening or intimidating language and/or gestures towards a Match Official	AMS plus 4 Matches	AMS plus 6 Matches
13	Recklessly makes contact with a Match Official	AMS plus 11 Matches	AMS plus 14 Matches
14a	Spits at a Match Official	12 months suspension including the AMS	18 months suspension including the AMS
14b	Spits on a Match Official	18 months suspension including the AMS	24 months suspension including the AMS
14c	Spits on the face of a Match Official	24 months suspension including the AMS	36 months suspension including the AMS
15	Assault of a Match Official	Minimum: 6 months suspension including the AMS Maximum: 10 years suspension	Minimum: 12 months suspension including the AMS Maximum: Life suspension
Team Misconduct			
16a	Club Associate sent from the technical area (NPL, State, Women's State or Amateur teams)	AMS plus \$100 Fine	AMS plus 1 Match plus \$200 Fine
16b	Club Associate sent from the technical area or away from the Field of Play (Metropolitan, Masters, Women's Metropolitan teams)	AMS plus \$50 Fine	AMS plus 1 Match plus \$100 Fine
16c	Club Associate sent from the technical area or away from the Field of Play (Junior teams excluding NPL)	AMS plus \$20 Fine	AMS plus 1 Match plus \$40 Fine

Offence No	Offence Description	Reduced Penalty	Fixed Penalty
17a	Five or more Players cautioned or sent off in a single Match (NPL, State, Women's State or Amateur teams)	N/A	First offence - \$200 An additional \$100 for each subsequent offence
17b	Five or more Players cautioned or sent off in a single Match (Other Senior teams)	N/A	First offence - \$100 An additional \$100 for each subsequent offence
17c	Five or more Players cautioned or sent off in a single Match (Junior teams excluding NPL)	N/A	First offence - \$50 An additional \$50 for each subsequent offence
18a	Three or more Players sent off in a single Match (NPL, State, Women's State or Amateur teams)	N/A	First offence - \$200 An additional \$100 for each subsequent offence
18b	Three or more Players sent off in a single Match (Metropolitan, Masters and Women's Metropolitan teams)	N/A	First offence - \$100 An additional \$100 for each subsequent offence
18c	Three or more Players sent off in a single Match (Junior teams excluding NPL)	N/A	First offence - \$50 An additional \$50 for each subsequent offence
19a	Collective show of dissent towards a Match Official or collective intimidation, threats or exertion of pressure on a Match Official (NPL, State, Women's State or Amateur teams)	\$100 for the first offence An additional \$100 for each subsequent offence	First offence - \$200 An additional \$100 for each subsequent offence
19b	Collective show of dissent towards a Match Official or collective intimidation, threats or exertion of pressure on a Match Official (Metropolitan, Masters and Women's Metropolitan teams)	\$100 for the first offence An additional \$100 for each subsequent offence	First offence - \$200 An additional \$100 for each subsequent offence
19c	Collective show of dissent towards a Match Official or collective intimidation, threats or exertion of pressure on a Match Official (Junior teams excluding NPL)	\$20 for the first offence An additional \$20 for each subsequent offence	First offence - \$40 An additional \$40 for each subsequent offence

Offence No	Offence Description	Reduced Penalty	Fixed Penalty
Other Misconduct			
20	Refuses to leave or unreasonably delays leaving the field of play after being shown a red card or sent from the technical area or surrounds of the field of play	2 Matches	3 Matches
21a	Entry on to the field of play by a non-playing Club Associate or spectator during a Match (NPL, State, Women's State or Amateur teams)	\$300 (Club)	\$500 (Club)
21b	Entry on to the field of play by a non-playing Club Associate or spectator during a Match (Metropolitan, Masters and Women's Metropolitan teams)	\$200 (Club)	\$300 (Club)
21c	Entry on to the field of play by a non-playing Club Associate or spectator during a Match (Junior teams excluding NPL)	\$100 (Club)	\$200 (Club)
22	Discriminatory, harassing or abusive language, gestures or conduct	\$200 (Club)	\$300 (Club)
23	Failure to comply with the terms of entry of a venue	\$200 (Club)	\$300 (Club)
24	Display of national emblems other than those of Australia	\$200 (Club)	\$300 (Club)
25a	Projection of missiles onto the field of play or at other people ((NPL, State, Women's State or Amateur teams)	\$300 (Club)	\$500 (Club)
25b	Projection of missiles onto the field of play or at other spectators or officials Metropolitan, Masters and Women's Metropolitan teams)	\$200 (Club)	\$300 (Club)
25c	Projection of missiles onto the field of play or at other spectators or officials (Junior teams excluding NPL)	\$100 (Club)	\$200 (Club)
26	Lighting a flare before, during or after a Football West Match	\$3,000 (Club)	\$5,000 (Club)

Offence No	Offence Description	Reduced Penalty	Fixed Penalty
27	Fielding a player in a match using a name that is not his own	Forfeit and: \$2,000 fine and deduction of 9 points for the first offence \$4,000 fine and disqualification from the competition for the second offence Disaffiliation of the club from Football West for the third offence	Forfeit and: \$3,000 fine and deduction of 12 points for the first offence \$5,000 fine and disqualification from the competition for the second offence Disaffiliation of the club from Football West for the third offence
28	Acting in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the game or Football West	At the discretion of Football West and in accordance with Article 21.4 of the FFA Constitution	At the discretion of the Tribunal.
29	Breach of the Code of Conduct	At the discretion of Football West and in accordance with Article 21.4 of the FFA Constitution	At the discretion of the Tribunal.

1. Club Associates may be issued with a sanction of a reprimand or the placement of a bond, but only on the first occasion of the offence.
2. A fine against a professional Player may not exceed the total payments that professional would have received over the duration of the sanction.
3. Football West may inform FFA, AFC, FIFA or any other confederation, national association or Member Federation of the Suspension of a Club Associate.