



Prescribed Form 7 – Determination of Disciplinary Tribunal

Charged Party

Name	Luka Jukic	Club	East Perth FC	Reg No	70234372
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Fixture Details

Date	02/09/2025	Time	19:30
Clubs	Kingsley Westside FC vs East Perth FC		
Competition	Masters Cup	Grade/Age	Over 35's Pool A

Offence Details

Offence Description	2b
Football West Penalty	Serious violent conduct <i>When not challenging for the ball: uses or attempts to use excessive force or brutality against a person, or deliberately strikes the head, face or neck of another person unless the force is negligible.</i>

Hearing Outcome

Finding	Guilty
Penalty	- An Automatic Match Suspension (AMS) (already served) 4-match suspension from all Football West sanctioned matches.
Summary of Determination	The matter that was before the Disciplinary Tribunal (Tribunal) concerned the matter of Luka Jukic. <u>Preliminary matters</u> Mr Jukic was charged with Serious Violent Conduct under Sch 1 offence number 2B of the FW Disciplinary & Grievance Regulations (Regulations) for his alleged conduct in a Masters Cup game between his team, East Perth FC (East Perth) and Kingsley Westside FC on 2 September 2025. The offence of Serious Violent Conduct reads as follows: <i>When not challenging for the ball [the player]:</i> <i>uses or attempts to use excessive force or brutality against a person, or</i> <i>deliberately strikes the head, face or neck of another person unless the force is negligible.</i> The penalty for which included: 1) an Automatic Match Suspension (AMS) in accordance with Articles 7.6 and 7.8 of the Regulations. The AMS was served by Mr Jukic by missing Round 16 against Joondalup United FC on 14 September 2025; and



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- 2) an additional 4-match suspension in accordance with Article 7.8 of the Regulations, which was postponed by FW until the outcome of this Hearing in accordance with Article 24 of the Regulations.

Facts

Mr Jukic was initially issued a yellow card for a tackle that occurred initially prior to the alleged offence.

Two days following the match, Kingsley West FC submitted video footage of the alleged offence to the Football West Integrity Team. The footage clearly showed Mr Jukic stepping on the head of the Kingsley West FC player.

Kingsley West FC also submitted a report which stated, among other things that the affected player suffered pain and headaches for up to 2 days after the incident.

The footage was subsequently forwarded to the Football West Match Review Panel to review. In accordance with Article 7, the Football West Match Review Panel issued the infringement notice which included the initial penalty of 5 games.

The Football West Match Review Panel made the following report:

Upon review of match footage of this fixture, Luka Jukic is seen committing a reckless foul which results in a free kick to East Perth in which the referee sanctions with a caution.

Following the reckless foul, Luka Jukic is seen deliberately standing on his opponent's head in an act of brutality which was not witnessed by the match referee. The match review panel agree that this is a missed incident and that the player should have received a red card for violent conduct.

East Perth appealed the decision of Football West on 14 September 2025.

Grounds for appeal

Mr Jukic sought to appeal the initial decision of the Football West Match Review Panel for the reasons I have summarised as follows:

- i. he was not afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard.
- ii. the penalty was too severe for the following reasons:
 - a. the referee had clear visibility of the incident and chose to give a yellow card; and
 - b. the Kingsley player was not injured and continued to play the rest of the match.

Reasons

The Tribunal decided to uphold the original offence and penalty for the following reasons:



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	<u>Offence</u> With regards to the offence, Mr Jukic conceded that the incident occurred off the ball and involved excessive force to the head. The Tribunal did not conclude that Mr Jukic committed the offence intentionally. Nonetheless the action was clearly excessive and reckless, thereby constituting Serious Violent Conduct. The Tribunal rejected <u>Penalty</u> As for the penalty, there was a high likelihood that the action would result in serious injury. In fact, the opposing player reported headaches for several days following the offence. For this reason the Tribunal could not reduce the penalty below the 5 game suspension. The Tribunal rejected Mr Jukic's argument that the penalty should be reduced because "<i>the referee had clear visibility of the incident and chose to give a yellow card</i>". The referee did not see the incident and awarded the yellow card for a separate tackle. The Match Review Panel did not overrule the referee's decision. The Tribunal, while directed by the Regulations to increase the penalty to a 7 match suspension (Tribunal Penalty), decided not to implement the Tribunal Penalty. The rationale for the Tribunal Penalty is to prevent frivolous claims being brought to the Tribunal. Mr Jukic was punished for the incident retrospectively by the Match Review Panel and as such, he lacked the same clarity that he would have naturally received had he been given a red card for the incident in the match itself. There is reasonable as to whether Mr Jukic thought the yellow card he received during the match was for the relevant offence as well as the immediately-preceding tackle. As such, he was justified in bringing his appeal to the Tribunal. The Tribunal concluded that the original offence and penalty should be upheld.
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Date of Notice	10 October 2025
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Right to Appeal

The decision of the Disciplinary Tribunal may be appealed in accordance with Article 21 of the Disciplinary & Grievance Regulations 2022.



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