Disciplinary Regulations

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SECTION 1: REGULATIONS

1. INTRODUCTION

a) The 2026 Summer Soccer Disciplinary Regulations (**Regulations**) are made under clause 5 of the Football NSW By-Laws and came into operation on 10th October 2026.
b) Football NSW is responsible for the organisation, promotion and regulation of Social Football at endorsed Social Football Centres (**SFCs**) in the State.
c) These Regulations are supplementary to the Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations, adopted on 21 February 2013 and as amended from time to time.
d) Any capitalised terms used in these Regulations shall have the meaning given to them in the Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

2. JURISDICTION

a) These Regulations and the Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations shall apply exclusively to facilitate the expeditious and fair resolution of incidents, disciplinary, dispute and conduct matters relating to SFCs.
b) Each Member shall submit exclusively to the jurisdiction of these Regulations and the Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations and agrees that unless it has exhausted the procedures set out in these Regulations and the Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations, it will not attempt to resolve any incident, disciplinary, dispute, conduct or Grievance matters by recourse to Football Australia or a court of law.
c) The Disciplinary Committee or the General Purposes Tribunal of an SFC may, in its absolute discretion, refer any serious matter to Football NSW to be dealt with by the FNSW General Purposes Tribunal in accordance with the Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.
d) In the case of a referral from the Disciplinary Committee or the General Purposes Tribunal under clause 2(c), Football NSW will review the matter and determine, in its absolute discretion, whether the matter should be referred to the Football NSW General Purposes Tribunal. If Football NSW determines not to refer the matter to the Football NSW General Purposes Tribunal, the matter is to be dealt with by the Disciplinary Committee or the General Purposes Tribunal under these Regulations.
e) The SFC may stand down a Participant from participating in any Match under the jurisdiction of the SFC until the matter has been determined.

3. SFC ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES AND TRIBUNALS

a) The SFC must establish and appoint members to the following three bodies:
    i. The Disciplinary Committee;
    ii. The General Purposes Tribunal; and
    iii. The Appeals Tribunal.
b) Given the nature of the competitions conducted by SFCs, each of the bodies referred to in section 3(a) above need only comprise one (1) member in order to make a valid decision.

c) The Appeals Tribunal will hear any appeals against the decisions of the Disciplinary Committee and the General Purposes Tribunal and can uphold, reduce or quash a sanction issued by the Disciplinary Committee or the General Purposes Tribunal.
d) A member must not hear an appeal to the Appeals Tribunal if they heard the matter at first instance as a member of the Disciplinary Committee or the General Purposes Tribunal.

4. MATCH OFFICIAL REPORTS

4.1 Match Official Reports

a) In order to ensure the efficiency of disciplinary and conduct matters, a Match Official must provide to the SFC Competition Coordinator a Match Official Report within 24hrs from the completion of a Match. Match Official Reports are to be provided for:
    i. any Red Card Offences issued during the Match including the categorisation of Offences (set out in a **Send-Off Report**) (**Prescribed Form 02**); and
    ii. any serious incidents which took place (set out in a **Incident Report**) (**Prescribed Form 03**).

5. POWERS OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

5.1 Match Suspensions

a) For the purposes of these Regulations, a Fixture Suspension, as defined in the Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations, shall be considered a Match Suspension in determining Suspensions issued under this section 5.

5.2 Match Official Send-Off Reports

a) The Disciplinary Committee must issue Suspensions solely based on the Match Official Send-Off Report received from the Match Officials and in accordance with Schedule 1: Table of Offences.
b) The SFC Competition Coordinator must set out any Suspension in a Notice of Suspension which shall be issued to a Participant's Team as soon as is practicable.
c) In issuing any Suspension, the Disciplinary Committee may determine, in its absolute discretion, the type of Football Activity to which the Suspension relates and must not impose a Suspension below the applicable Minimum Suspension.

5.3 Challenging a decision on the basis of Mistaken Identity in a Match Official Send-Off Report or Incident Report

a) If a Team Official believes that a Player has been mistakenly identified on the Team Sheet by a Match Official as having received a Yellow Card or Red Card, the Team Official must advise, in person or via a lodged dispute (available on the competition website), the SFC Competition Coordinator
b) The SFC Competition Coordinator shall then liaise with the Team Official, the Match Officials, the relevant Participants and any other witnesses the SFC Competition Coordinator deems relevant and determine against whom the Yellow Card or Red Card should have been issued.

c) A determination made by the SFC Competition Coordinator pursuant to section 5.3(d) is final and binding on all parties.
d) For the avoidance of doubt, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Regulations, a Participant cannot appeal, on the basis of mistaken identity, a Suspension resulting from a Match Official Send-Off Report.
e) In the case of Match Official Incident Reports, prior to submitting a Match Official Incident Report, the Match Official must confirm the identity of the Participant with the Participant, the SFC Competition Coordinator or with the Team Official of the Participant's Team.
f) For the avoidance of doubt, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Regulations, a Participant cannot appeal, on the basis of mistaken identity, a Suspension resulting from a Match Official Incident Report unless the SFC Competition Coordinator determines, in their absolute discretion, that section 4.3(g) was not complied with.

5.4 Serving of Suspension

a) Any Suspension issued under these Regulations will apply in accordance with the Notice of Suspension.
b) Should a Participant receive a Notice of Suspension under these Regulations, the Suspension shall be served in the next consecutive Match/s which that Participant's team plays in, until the Suspension is served in full.
c) Regardless of whether the Participant receives a Notice of Suspension prior to their next Match, where the Participant has been expelled from the Field of Play, they must serve a Mandatory Match Suspension of one (1) Fixture at their next Match. Should the Participant take the Field of Play in the Match following an expulsion, that Participant's team will be deemed to have fielded an Ineligible Player and will forfeit the Match.
d) For the avoidance of doubt, a Team Official who does not receive a Notice of Suspension prior to their next Match for being expelled from the Technical Area must serve the Mandatory Match Suspension of one (1) Fixture in their next Match.

5.5 Appealing a Notice of Suspension

a) Subject to section 5, a Participant may appeal the disciplinary sanction imposed by the Disciplinary Committee by lodging with the SFC Competition Coordinator **Prescribed Form 04** within 3 days of the Participant or the Participant's team receiving the Notice of Suspension.
b) The appeal fee is $50 which must be paid into the bank account of the SFC (as nominated by the SFC Competition Coordinator) at the time of lodging **Prescribed Form 04**. A copy of the receipt confirming payment of the appeal fee must accompany the lodgment of Prescribed Form 04. No appeal fee is payable in circumstances where the appeal is on the basis of mistaken identity and the Suspension resulted from a Match Official Incident Report (section 5.3).
c) A Participant (or the Participant's team) may in very limited circumstances seek to limit the disciplinary consequences of a Suspension by demonstrating to the Appeals Tribunal that the circumstances of an incident leading to a Suspension were exceptional, such that the Suspension imposed would be clearly and demonstrably excessive.

d) In considering a claim of this type, the Appeals Tribunal is concerned with only the question of whether the Suspension should be altered in view of the circumstances of the case. The Appeals Tribunal is not to usurp the role of the Match Official and the correctness of any decision to issue a Red Card shall not be subject to any scrutiny by the Appeals Tribunal.

e) An appeal against a decision of the Disciplinary Committee will be heard by the Appeals Tribunal. When determining any appropriate sanction, the Appeals Tribunal may consider:
   i. The nature and severity of the offence;
   ii. The Participant's past record and whether or not it is a repeat offence;
   iii. The culpability of the Participant (including whether or not the infringement was intentional, negligent or reckless);
   iv. Reasons prompting the Participant to commit the infringement; and
   v. Any extenuating circumstances.

f) If a Participant wishes to appeal a Suspension, the Participant must submit the following:
   WHAT:
   COMPULSORY: A signed written statement by the Participant setting out the grounds upon which he or she believes the Suspension set out in the Notice of Suspension should not be applied; AND
   Pay the appeal fee of $50 into the bank account of the SFC (as nominated by the SFC Competition Coordinator); AND
   A copy of the receipt confirming payment of the appeal fee; AND
   OPTION 1: video or photo evidence; AND/OR
   OPTION 2: signed written statements by other witnesses.
   WHEN:
   Within 3 days of the Participant or the Participant's team receiving the Notice of Suspension.
   HOW:
   Complete **Prescribed Form 04** and provide to the SFC Competition Coordinator.

g) If the SFC does not receive a properly completed and signed written statement, any other evidence and confirmation of payment of the appeal fee by the time specified, the Participant is deemed to have accepted the Notice of Suspension and waived their right to appeal.

h) The Appeals Tribunal may, in its absolute discretion, request additional information from the Participant and/or from the Participant's team prior to making its decision.

i) After considering the evidence, the Appeals Tribunal will decide whether the appeal is to be rejected or upheld (in whole or in part).

j) If the Appeals Tribunal rejects the appeal, the original decision set out in the Notice of Suspension applies.

k) If the Appeals Tribunal upholds the appeal, it shall impose such Suspension, if any, as it deems appropriate, taking into consideration the circumstances of the subject incident, which revised Suspension shall not be subject to any further challenge or appeal.

6. POWERS OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES TRIBUNAL

6.1 Charges of Misconduct and Disrepute

a) The SFC Competition Coordinator may investigate any matter which in its opinion is relevant to whether or not a charge of Misconduct or Disrepute ought to be laid. Such investigation may be initiated on the basis of a written report or complaint of a Participant, a Match Official Report, or on the basis of any other evidence which in the opinion of the SFC Competition Coordinator, is credible.

b) Such investigation may be carried out by the SFC Competition Coordinator as it sees fit and a Participant is required to cooperate fully with the investigation and must do so within the timeframe specified. A Participant agrees that any information provided to Football NSW may be used as evidence in bringing a charge under this section 6.1 and may be provided to any party so charged.

c) At any time, the SFC Competition Coordinator may determine whether:
   i. a Notice of Charge is to be issued in respect of the matter; or
   ii. the matter is to be dealt with in any other manner,

   and such determination will be at the absolute discretion of the SFC Competition Coordinator and not be capable of review.

d) A Member issued with a Notice of Charge by the SFC Competition Coordinator may either:
   i. accept the charge(s) and the penalties imposed by submitting to the SFC Competition Coordinator a signed Notice of Response; or
   ii. refer the charge(s) to the General Purposes Tribunal for hearing in accordance with section 6.1(g).

e) The SFC Competition Coordinator may also refer the Notice of Charge to the General Purposes Tribunal in its absolute discretion at any time (in which case, the Participant will not be required to pay an Application Fee).

f) Where a Participant ***accepts*** a Notice of Charge in accordance with section 6.1(d)(i), the following applies:
   i. the penalties set out in the Notice of Charge will be applied;
   ii. a Determination will be issued to the Participant; and
   iii. the Participant forfeits their right of Appeal.

g) If a Participant wants to ***refer*** a Notice of Charge to the General Purposes Tribunal for hearing in accordance with section 6.2(d)(ii), the Participant must, by the date and time specified in the Notice of Charge:
   i. pay to the SFC the relevant Application Fee of **$50**;
   ii. submit to the SFC Competition Coordinator a completed and signed Notice of Response;
   iii. submit to the SFC Competition Coordinator all supporting material, including any additional evidence; and
   iv. submit to the SFC Competition Coordinator any written submissions the Participant intends to rely on.

h) In the Notice of Response, the Participant must:
   i. indicate whether the Participant pleads not guilty to the Offence(s); or

ii. indicate whether the Participant pleads guilty to the Offence(s) but disputes the penalties proposed; and
iii. advise the names of any witnesses attending the hearing and attach written statements from those witnesses; and
iv. indicate whether the Participant will be represented by a lawyer and/or accompanied by a support person (if relevant).

i) A Participant who pleads guilty in a Notice of Response may be eligible for leniency by a Tribunal in respect of the penalty imposed but not below the applicable Minimum Sanction/Suspension.

j) Participants should note that time limits are strict. Unless there are exceptional circumstances (to be determined by the SFC Competition Coordinator in its absolute discretion), if the Participant fails to:
i. accept a Notice of Charge in accordance with section 6.1(d)(i); or
ii. refer a Notice of Charge in accordance with the requirements prescribed under section 6.1(g) including payment of the Application Fee,
by the time specified in the Notice of Charge, the Participant is deemed to have accepted the Notice of Charge and the following applies:
iii. the penalties set out in the Notice of Charge will be applied; and
iv. the Member forfeits their right to Appeal.

6.2 Decisions of the General Purposes Tribunal

a) A General Purposes Tribunal Determination will be in accordance with the majority opinion of the General Purposes Tribunal members hearing a matter.

b) The types of decisions that the General Purposes Tribunal may issue are set out in Schedule 3: Table of Offences, Table D: Sanction Imposed by a Tribunal and may include (but are not limited to) a finding, directive, Suspension, ban, fine or such other action as reasonably determined by the General Purposes Tribunal.

c) The sanction imposed by the General Purposes Tribunal in respect of an Offence must not be below the applicable Minimum Sanction or Suspension and may only be greater than the applicable Maximum Suspension in Exceptional Circumstances which must be detailed in the Determination.

d) Any decision issued under this section 6.2 may be combined, however, the serving of a Time Suspension issued to a Participant must precede the serving of a Fixture Suspension issued to that Participant.

e) Any failure to comply with a Determination of the General Purposes Tribunal is deemed to be contempt of a Tribunal and may be sanctioned pursuant to section 6.1 of the Regulations.

f) The General Purposes Tribunal is not obliged to give reasons for any decision it makes.

g) The General Purposes Tribunal will use its reasonable endeavours to issue a written Determination after the completion of any hearing.

h) Unless otherwise specified in these Regulations, the Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations or by the General Purposes Tribunal in a Determination, the imposition of a sanction has immediate effect.

i) All Determinations of the General Purposes Tribunal remain in force unless and until reversed by the Appeals Tribunal.

6.3 Appealing a decision of the General Purposes Tribunal

a) Subject to sections 6.1 and 6.2, a Determination of the General Purposes Tribunal may be appealed to the Appeals Tribunal.

b) If a Participant wants to appeal a Determination of the General Purposes Tribunal to the Appeals Tribunal, it must, within 3 days of the issuance of the Determination by the General Purposes Tribunal:

   i. pay to the SFC the relevant Application Fee of **$50**;
   ii. pay any award or fine the subject of the Determination of the General Purposes Tribunal;
   iii. submit to the SFC Competition Coordinator a completed and signed Notice of Appeal of a decision of a GPT (insert link to form);
   iv. submit to the SFC Competition Coordinator all supporting material, including any additional evidence; and
   v. submit to the SFC Competition Coordinator any written submissions the Participant intends to rely on.

c) Participants should note that the time limits set out above are strict. Unless there are exceptional circumstances (to be determined by the SFC Competition Coordinator, in its absolute discretion), if the SFC Competition Coordinator does not receive the documentation and payments prescribed by the time specified under sections 6.2(b), the Participant is deemed to have waived its right to appeal the Determination of the General Purposes Tribunal to the Appeals Tribunal.

d) If the SFC does not receive a properly completed and signed written statement, any other evidence and confirmation of payment of the appeal fee by the time specified, the Participant is deemed to have accepted the Notice of Suspension and waived their right to appeal.

e) The Appeals Tribunal may, in its absolute discretion, request additional information from the Participant and/or from the Participant's team prior to making its decision.

f) After considering the evidence, the Appeals Tribunal will decide whether the appeal is to be rejected or upheld (in whole or in part).

g) If the Appeals Tribunal rejects the appeal, the original decision set out in the Determination of the General Purposes Tribunal applies.

h) If the Appeals Tribunal upholds the appeal, it shall impose such Suspension, if any, as it deems appropriate, taking into consideration the circumstances of the subject incident, which revised Suspension shall not be subject to any further challenge or appeal.

7. APPEALING A DECISION OF THE APPEALS TRIBUNAL

a) Matters that have been dealt with and determined by the Appeals Tribunal in accordance with sections 5.5 or 6.2 of the Regulations may be appealed to the Football NSW General

Purposes Tribunal in accordance with section 9.5 of the Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

b) The Football NSW General Purposes Tribunal will only hear and determine a matter involving an appeal from an SFC where the matter has proceeded in accordance with, and exhausted the SFC's own disciplinary regulations. A party wanting to appeal a decision of the Appeals Tribunal to the Football NSW General Purposes Tribunal must provide documentation, to the satisfaction of Football NSW, to demonstrate the matter has proceeded in accordance with and exhausted the SFC's own disciplinary regulations before it can be appealed to the Football NSW Appeals Tribunal.

c) For the avoidance of doubt, the Football NSW General Purposes Tribunal will deal with an appeal from an SFC in accordance with section 9.5 of the Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

8. ACCUMULATION OF YELLOW CARDS

a) Any Player that accumulates three (5) Yellow Cards in the Competition must serve the Mandatory Match Suspension of one (1) Fixture.

b) If a Player receives two (2) Yellow Cards during the same Match and therefore receives a Red Card, the two (2) Yellow Cards are expunged from his or her record and are not accumulated.

c) If a Player receives a Yellow Card and then a direct Red Card in the same Match, the Yellow Card will not be expunged and will be counted in the Player's accumulation of Yellow Cards.

9. ACCUMULATION OF RED CARDS

a) A Player that receives a straight Red Card must serve the Mandatory Match Suspension of one (1) Fixture plus any additional Suspension as determined by the Disciplinary Committee or, in the case of an appeal, the Suspension imposed by the Appeals Tribunal or, as the case may be, the Suspension imposed by a Football NSW Tribunal.

10. TEAM OFFICIALS

a) A Team Official that is sent from the Technical Area is required to serve the Mandatory Match Suspension of one (1) Fixture in addition to any further sanction applicable and determined by the Disciplinary Committee or, in the case of an appeal, the Suspension imposed by the Appeals Tribunal, as the case may be.

SCHEDULE 1: tables of offences

<u>Second or subsequent Offences:</u> Where a Member has been found guilty of an Offence and then commits the same Offence on a second or subsequent occasion within two (2) years of the expiration of the Suspension issued in respect of the previous Offence, the second or subsequent Offence will be considered a Second or subsequent Offence for the purposes of sanctioning under Schedule 1.

TABLE A: OFFENCES BY PLAYERS[1]

OFFENCE CODE		OFFENCE DESCRIPTION	GRADING GUIDELINES	INCIDENCE	PARTICIPANT SANCTION	
Red Card	GRADING				SUSPENSION *(Minimum)*	SUSPENSION *(Maximum)*
R1	01-01	**Serious foul play** *(Typically, but not limited to, tackles or challenges on an opponent with the ball)*	Serious foul play tackle or challenge	*First*	MMS	24 months
	01-02			*Second & subsequent*	MMS + 1 Fixture	
	02-01		Attempting to gain possession of the ball using excessive force	*First*	MMS + 1 Fixture	24 months
	02-02			*Second & subsequent*	MMS + 2 Fixtures	
	03-01		Conduct that endangers the safety of an opponent in a contest for the ball or has the potential to cause injury	*First*	MMS + 2 Fixtures	24 months
	03-02			*Second & subsequent*	MMS + 3 Fixtures	
	04-01		Conduct causing minor injury	*First*	MMS +4 Fixtures	24 months
	04-02			*Second & subsequent*	MMS + 5 Fixtures	
	05-01		Conduct causing serious injury	*First*	MMS + 6 Fixtures	24 months
	05-02			*Second & subsequent*	MMS + 10 Fixtures	
R2	01-01	**Violent conduct** *(Typically, but not limited to, the use or attempted use of excessive force against an opponent when not challenging for the ball, or against a teammate, Club Official, Team Official, Match Official or Spectator)*	Excessive force	*First*	MMS	24 months
	01-02			*Second & subsequent*	MMS + 1 Fixture	
	02-01		Violent conduct	*First*	MMS + 3 Fixtures	24 months
	02-02			*Second & subsequent*	MMS + 5 Fixtures	
	03-01		Serious and/or premeditated violent conduct	*First*	MMS + 6 Fixtures	24 months
	03-02			*Second & subsequent*	MMS + 8 Fixtures	
	04-01		Serious violent conduct that has caused bodily harm or responsibility for a Melee (Grade 2)	*First*	MMS + 12 Fixtures	24 months

	04-02			*Second & subsequent*	MMS + 20 Fixtures	
R3	01-01	**Spitting at an opponent or any other person**	Causing spittle to land on an opponent or any other person (e.g. by "blowing a raspberry")	*First*	MMS +2 Fixtures	24 months
	01-02			*Second & subsequent*	MMS + 4 Fixtures	
	02-01		Spitting at or towards an opponent or any other person	*First*	MMS + 4 Fixtures	24 months
	02-02			*Second & subsequent*	MMS + 8 Fixtures	
	03-01		Spitting on an opponent or any other person	*First*	MMS + 8 Fixtures	24 months
	03-02			*Second & subsequent*	MMS + 16 Fixtures	
R4	01-01	**Denying goal scoring opportunity**	Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (except a goalkeeper within their penalty area)	*First*	MMS	MMS
	01-02			*Second & subsequent*	MMS	
R5	01-01	**Denying goal scoring opportunity**	Denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the opponent's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick	*First*	MMS	MMS
	01-02			*Second & subsequent*	MMS	
R6	01-01	**Offensive, insulting, abusive or intimidating language and/or gestures**	Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures in frustration	*First*	MMS	24 months
	01-02			*Second & subsequent*	MMS + 1 Fixture	
	02-01		Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures directed at or towards another person	*First*	MMS + 1 Fixtures	24 months
	02-02			*Second & subsequent*	MMS + 3 Fixtures	
	03-01		Incitement to violence, or repeated use of offensive language and/or gestures directed at or towards another person	*First*	MMS + 4 Fixtures	24 months
	03-02			*Second & subsequent*	MMS + 8 Fixtures	
	04-01		Threatening or intimidating language and/or conduct directed at or towards another person	*First*	MMS + 4 Fixtures	24 months
	04-02			*Second & subsequent*	MMS + 8 Fixtures	
	05-01		Use of discriminatory, homophobic, racist, religious, ethnic or sexist language and/or gestures	*First*	MMS + 6 Fixtures	24 months
	05-02			*Second & subsequent*	MMS + 14 Fixtures	
	06-01		Threat of physical violence directed at or towards another person or their family or property	*First*	MMS + 8 Fixtures	24 months
	06-02			*Second & subsequent*	MMS + 16 Fixtures	
R7	01-01	**Second caution or receiving two Temporary Dismissals in the same match**	Second Yellow Card in a Match	*First*	MMS	MMS
	01-02			*Second & subsequent*	MMS	

[1] **Where the Offence giving rise to the Red Card was committed against a Match Official, the applicable Minimum and Maximum Suspensions are those set out in Table B.**

[2] A Suspension greater than the applicable Maximum Suspension may be imposed by the SFC Competition Coordinator or a Body only in Exceptional Circumstances that must be detailed in the Determination.

TABLE B: OFFENCES BY PARTICIPANTS AGAINST MATCH OFFICIALS*

OFFENCE CODE	OFFENCE DESCRIPTION	INCIDENCE	PARTICIPANT SANCTION	
			SUSPENSION *(Minimum)*	SUSPENSION *(Maximum)*
01-01	Fail to abide by or comply with a direction of a Match Official	*First*	MMS	24 months
01-02		*Second & subsequent*	MMS + 1 Fixture	
02-01	Disputing a decision of a Match Official, dissent or unsportsmanlike/unprofessional behaviour *[R6 for Players]*	*First*	MMS	24 months
02-02		*Second & subsequent*	MMS + 1 Fixture	
03-01	Using offensive, insulting or abusive language or gestures in frustration *[R6 for Players]*	*First*	MMS	24 months
03-02		*Second & subsequent*	MMS + 1 Fixture	
04-01	Use offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures (isolated incident) *[R6 for Players]*	*First*	MMS + 3 Fixtures	24 months
04-02		*Second & subsequent*	MMS + 4 Fixtures	
05-01	Use offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures (repeated and/or excessive conduct) *[R6 for Players]*	*First*	MMS + 5 Fixtures	24 months
05-02		*Second & subsequent*	MMS + 6 Fixtures	
06-01	Indecent gestures *[R6 for Players]*	*First*	MMS + 6 Fixtures	24 months
06-02		*Second & subsequent*	MMS + 10 Fixtures	
07-01	Provocation or incitement of hatred or violence *[R6 for Players]*	*First*	MMS + 8 Fixtures	24 months
07-02		*Second & subsequent*	MMS + 12 Fixtures	
08-01	Use of discriminatory, homophobic, racist, religious, ethnic or sexist language and/or gestures *[R6 for Players]*	*First*	MMS + 10 Fixtures	24 months
08-02		*Second & subsequent*	MMS + 12 Fixtures	
09-01	Threatening or intimidating language or conduct towards a Match Official *[R6 for players]*	*First*	MMS + 11 Fixtures	24 months
09-02		*Second & subsequent*	MMS + 15 Fixtures	
10-01		*First*	12 months	

OFFENCE CODE	OFFENCE DESCRIPTION	INCIDENCE	PARTICIPANT SANCTION	
			SUSPENSION *(Minimum)*	SUSPENSION *(Maximum)*
10-02	Threat of physical violence towards a Match Official or his/her family or property *[R6 for Players]*	*Second & subsequent*	2 years	24 months
11-01	Inappropriate contact with a Match Official *[R2 for Players]*	*First*	MMS + 1 Fixtures	24 months
11-02		*Second & subsequent*	MMS + 2 Fixtures	
12-01	Pushing a Match Official *[R2 for Players]*	*First*	12 months	Life
12-02		*Second & subsequent*	2 years	
13-01	Tripping a Match Official *[R2 for Players]*	*First*	12 months	Life
13-02		*Second & subsequent*	2 years	
14-01	Striking a Match Official with a ball or other object *[R2 for Players]*	*First*	12 months	Life
14-02		*Second & subsequent*	2 years	
15-01	Punching, kicking, elbowing or striking a Match Official *[R2 for Players]*	*First*	2 years	Life
15-02		*Second & subsequent*	4 years	
16-01	Spitting at or towards a Match Official *[R3 for Players]*	*First*	12 months	Life
16-02		*Second & subsequent*	2 years	
17-01	Spitting on a Match Official *[R3 for Players]*	*First*	2 years	Life
17-02		*Second & subsequent*	4 years	

*** In respect of Players, Column 2 also references the relevant sending-off offences R1 to R6 under the FIFA Laws of the Game**

TABLE C: OTHER OFFENCES BY MEMBERS*

OFFENCE CODE	OFFENCE DESCRIPTION	INCIDENCE	PARTICIPANT SANCTION		CLUB SANCTION	
			SUSPENSION *(Minimum)*	SUSPENSION *(Maximum)*	FINE $ *(Minimum)*	OTHER *(Minimum)*
01-01	Unauthorised entry onto the Field of Play	*First*	1 Fixture	24 months	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
01-02		*Second & subsequent*	2 Fixtures			
02-01	Failure to abide by or comply with a reasonable direction of an Official (other than a Match Official) or Football NSW employee or representative in relation to conduct and/or behaviour at a Match	*First*	1 Fixture	24 months	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
02-02		*Second & subsequent*	2 Fixtures			
03-01	Unsportsmanlike or unprofessional behaviour	*First*	2 Fixtures	24 months	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
03-02		*Second & subsequent*	4 Fixtures / 1 month			
04-01	Failure to provide a safe environment for Participants or to maintain public order at a Match	*First*	4 Fixtures / 1 month	24 months	$500	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines (if any)
04-02		*Second & subsequent*	8 Fixtures / 2 months		$1,000	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines (if any-
05-01	Failure to provide identifying details of an individual when reasonably requested to do so by a Match Official or Football NSW employee or representative	*First*	1 Fixture	24 months	$500	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines (if any)
05-02		*Second & subsequent*	2 Fixtures		$1,000	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines (if any)
06-01	Use offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures (isolated incident)	*First*	2 Fixtures	24 months	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
06-02		*Second & subsequent*	4 Fixtures / 1 month			
07-01	Use offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures (repeated and/or excessive conduct)	*First*	4 Fixtures / 1 month	24 months	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
07-02		*Second & subsequent*	8 Fixtures / 2 months			
08-01	Indecent gestures	*First*	4 Fixtures / 1 month	24 months	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
08-02		*Second & subsequent*	8 Fixtures / 2 months			
09-01	Provocation or incitement of hatred or violence	*First*	8 Fixtures / 2 months	24 months	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
09-02		*Second & subsequent*	12 Fixtures / 3 months			
10-01	Use of discriminatory, homophobic, racist, religious, ethnic or sexist language and/or gestures	*First*	8 Fixtures / 2 months	24 months	$500	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines (if any)
10-02		*Second & subsequent*	12 Fixtures / 3 months		$1,000	
11-01		*First*	4 Fixtures / 1 month		$500	

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			SUSPENSION *(Minimum)*	SUSPENSION *(Maximum)*	FINE $ *(Minimum)*	OTHER *(Minimum)*
11-02	Participating in a Melee (Grade 1)	*Second & subsequent*	12 Fixtures / 3 months	24 months	$1,000	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines (if any)
12-01	Instigator of a Melee (Grade 1)	*First*	8 Fixtures / 2 months	24 months	$1,000	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines (if any)
12-02		*Second & subsequent*	16 Fixtures / 4 months		$2,000	
13-01	Participating in a Melee (Grade 2)	*First*	12 Fixtures / 3 months	Life	$1,000	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines (if any)
13-02		*Second & subsequent*	20 Fixtures / 5 months		$2,000	
14-01	Instigator of a Melee (Grade 2)	*First*	16 Fixtures / 4 months	Life	$1,500	Loss of 3 competition points
14-02		*Second & subsequent*	32 Fixtures / 8 months		$3,000	Loss of 6 competition points
15-01	Assault/striking	*First*	8 Fixtures / 2 months	Life	$1,000	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines (if any)
15-02		*Second & subsequent*	16 Fixtures / 4 months		$2,000	
16-01	Violent conduct	*First*	12 Fixtures / 3 months	Life	$1,000	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines (if any)
16-02		*Second & subsequent*	24 Fixtures / 6 months		$2,000	
17-01	Serious violent conduct	*First*	12 months	Life	$1,500	Loss of 3 competition points
17-02		*Second & subsequent*	2 years		$3,000	Loss of 6 competition points
18-01	Damaging property/equipment	*First*	2 Fixtures	24 months	$500	Cost of repair/replace property & equipment
18-02		*Second & subsequent*	8 Fixtures / 2 months		$1,000	Cost of repair/replace property & equipment
19-01	Contempt against a Body	*First*	4 Fixtures / 1 month	5 years	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
19-02		*Second & subsequent*	8 Fixtures / 2 months			
20-01	Breach of the prohibition on dual registration (as per article 6.13 of the Football Australia National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations)	*First*	8 Fixtures / 2 months	24 months	$1,000	Loss of 3 competition points
20-02		*Second & subsequent*	12 Fixtures / 3 months		$1,500	Loss of 6 competition points
21-01	Breach of Football NSW Rules and Regulations or Football Australia National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations relating to registration (other than dual registration) and/or competitions	*First*	Any penalty or sanction prescribed by the relevant rules and regulations and, if none, such penalty as the SFC Competition Coordinator or the Tribunal determines		Any penalty or sanction prescribed by the relevant rules and regulations and, if none, such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines	
21-02		*Second & subsequent*				
22-01	Possessing a Prohibited Item at a Match, Fixture or Football NSW event	*First*	2 years	Life	$1,000	N/A
22-02		*Second & subsequent*	5 years		$5,000	Loss of 3 competition points

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			SUSPENSION *(Minimum)*	SUSPENSION *(Maximum)*	FINE $ *(Minimum)*	OTHER *(Minimum)*
23-01	Throwing missiles including, but not limited to, on to the Field of Play or at other Spectators	*First*	2 years	Life	$1,500	Loss of 3 competition points
23-02		*Second & subsequent*	5 years		$3,000	Loss of 6 competition points
24-01	Bring in to (or attempting to bring into) a stadium, venue, ground or centre national or political flags or emblems (except for the recognised national flags of any of the competing teams) or insulting, offensive, inappropriate, religious or political banners or slogans, whether written in English or a foreign language	*First*	2 years	Life	$1,000	Loss of 3 competition points
24-02		*Second & subsequent*	5 years		$2,000	Loss of 6 competition points
25-01	Letting off incendiary device(s) or fire(s)	*First*	2 years	Life	$1,500	Loss of 3 competition points
25-02		*Second & subsequent*	5 years		$5,000	Loss of 6 competition points
26-01	Group of Spectators uttering insulting words or sounds	*First*	6 months	5 years	$1,000	N/A
26-02		*Second & subsequent*	12 months		$2,000	N/A
27-01	Breach of a Suspension, Notice of Suspension or Determination	*First*	Such penalty as the SFC Competition Coordinator or the Tribunal determines but no less than what is prescribed in the Football NSW Competition Regulations		Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines	
27-02		*Second & subsequent*				
28-01	Betting, match-fixing or corruption (as per clause 4 of the Football Australia Code of Conduct)	*First*	Such penalty as the SFC Competition Coordinator or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as the SFC Competition Coordinator or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
28-02		*Second & subsequent*				
29-01	Breach of the FNSW Privacy Policy, the Football Australia Privacy Policy or any privacy policy applicable to a Member's collection, use and disclosure of personal information	*First*	Such penalty as the SFC Competition Coordinator or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as the SFC Competition Coordinator or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
29-02		*Second & subsequent*				
30-01	Bringing the game into Disrepute (section 16.4(f) and/or 16.4(g))	*First*	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
30-02		*Second & subsequent*				
31-01	Detrimental Public Comment (including Media and Social Media) *Including but not limited to, comments that:*	*First*	8 Fixtures / 2 months		$1,000	

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			SUSPENSION *(Minimum)*	SUSPENSION *(Maximum)*	FINE $ *(Minimum)*	OTHER *(Minimum)*
31-02	*i denigrate or criticise Football NSW (including any of its staff and Board), Football Australia or any of their commercial partners; ii denigrate or criticise another Member, whether in relation to incidents that have occurred in a Match/Fixture or otherwise; iii denigrate or criticise a Participant by inappropriately commenting on any aspect of their performance, abilities or characteristics; iv refer to the likely outcome of a matter being investigated by Football NSW or a matter or hearing before a Body; v criticise the outcome of a Football NSW investigation; vi criticise the decision of a Body; vii criticise a Body or any of its members; or viii criticise any evidence, submission or other comment made by any person at or in relation to a matter or hearing before a Body*	*Second & subsequent*	16 Fixtures / 4 months	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines	$2,000	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines (if any)
32-01	Other action or behaviour in breach the Football Australia Code of Conduct, the Football Australia National Registration Regulations, the Football Australia Spectator Code of Behaviour and/or the Football Australia National Member Protection Policy not identified elsewhere in this Table	*First*	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
32-02		*Second & subsequent*				
33-01	Threatening or intimidating language or conduct towards an individual	*First*	MMS + 7 Fixtures	24 months	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
33-02		*Second & subsequent*	MMS + 10 Fixtures			
34-01	Threat of physical violence towards an individual or their family or property	*First*	6 months	24 months	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
34-02		*Second & subsequent*	12 months			
35-01	Participant or Member failing to provide or providing false/misleading information to Football NSW or a Body	*First*	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
35-02		*Second & subsequent*				
36-01	Interfering with, or delaying the restart of, play	*First*	1 Fixture	24 months	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
36-02		*Second & subsequent*	2 Fixtures			
37-01	Failure to comply with section 17.6(g) of these Regulations (restrictions imposed on Participants after receiving a Red Card or being Expelled during a Match). Any sanction applied is in addition to the sanction issued in respect of the Red Card Offence or the Expulsion Offence.	*First*	1 Fixture	24 months	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
37-02		*Second & subsequent*	2 Fixtures			
38-01	Inappropriate goal celebration[&]	*First*	5 Fixtures (if Red Card issued)	24 months	$1,500	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines (if any)
38-02		*Second & subsequent*	8 Fixtures (if Red Card issued)	24 months	$5,000	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines (if any)
39-01	Spitting at or on a Player, Spectator, Club Official, Team Official or Football NSW employee or representative	*First*	12 months	Life	Such penalty as the Board or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
39-02		*Second & subsequent*	2 years			

[*] The offences set out in Tables B and C are not intended to be exhaustive and the Board may bring any charge pursuant to section 16.4 against a Member.

[#] Table C sets out the Minimum and Maximum Sanctions that may be imposed by the Board or a Tribunal for the offences set out in that Table. The Board or a Tribunal may impose any of the other sanctions set out in Table D in addition to a Suspension or Sanction. For example, a Player who receives a four (4) Fixture Suspension for using offensive, insulting or

abusive language and/or gestures towards a Match Official may also be required to successfully complete a referee's course and be required to officiate a number of Matches.

^A Member is presumed to have known that a person was a Match Official (regardless of that person's attire or regardless of whether that person identified themselves as a Match Official to the Member) unless that Member satisfies the Board or Body, as the case may be, otherwise.

[&]Refer to Memo issued by Football NSW in relation Inappropriate goal celebrations dated 10 February 2023.