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1. INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVES

1.1. Application

These Disciplinary and Judicial Regulations are to be implemented in conjunction with the Football Australia (**FA**) Statutes and Regulations and Football South Australia (**Football SA**) Competition Rules and Regulations.

In the event of inconsistency between these Regulations and any other FA or Football SA Regulations, the interpretation will prevail in the following order:

- i. FA Statutes;
- ii. National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations;
- iii. National Disciplinary Regulations;
- iv. these Regulations;
- v. Football SA Competition Rules and Regulations.

1.2. Definitions

“Administrator” means Football SA or the relevant person appointed by Football SA to administer the State Arbitration Tribunal.

“Affected Party” means a party (including Football SA) who may be affected by a decision based on the relief sought by a party submitting a Notice of Appeal under these Regulations.

“Affiliated Association” means those associations that are affiliated with Football SA and are required to adhere to the rules and regulations and statutes of FA and Football SA.

“Appeals Committee” means the Judicial Body responsible for hearing and determining appeals.

“Australia Cup” means the national knockout Cup competition administered by Football Australia currently known as the Australia Cup.

“Chairperson” means a chairperson or vice-chairperson of a Judicial Body.

“Competition Management Committee” or CMC is the disciplinary committee appointed by Football SA to review and action reports received from games, including but not limited to, red and yellow card offences.

“Club” means an entity that is affiliated with Football SA for the purpose of playing football or futsal in the Competitions.

“Club Official” means any person involved with the administration, management or organisation of a Club (whether paid or unpaid) including employees, contractors, directors, representatives and volunteers.

“Club Report” means an Incident Report completed and submitted by a Club to Football SA.

“Competitions” means any competition, knockout cup, tournament or league conducted by Football SA involving Clubs, or by an Affiliated Association and registered with FA in accordance with the National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations, including a league competition, a knock-out cup, any pre-season competition and finals series and age specific championships but excluding a Friendly.

“Competition Administrator” means the entity responsible for the conduct and staging of a Competition.

“Competition Operating Regulations” means the regulations governing the administration of a Competition.

“Community Competitions” means any Competition which is not National Premier Leagues or State League.

“Cup Competitions” means any Competition which is a knockout cup competition including the Australia Cup and Federation Cup.

“Determination” means a determination of the CMC or a Judicial Body under these Regulations.

“Disciplinary and Ethics Committee” is the independent body established by Football SA to determine any matter that is referred to it by the CMC or Football SA, or by a Participant from a CMC decision, pursuant to these Regulations.

“Disciplinary Hearing” means a hearing of the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee.

“Disciplinary History” is the history of a Participant as held by FA, Football SA, another member federation of FA or an Affiliated Association.

“Disciplinary Infringement Notice” a notice provided by Football SA to a Participant or Club that is being charged.

“Judicial Body” means the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee, Arbitration Tribunal or Appeals Committee (as the case may be).

“Judicial Body Panel” means the panel or pool of members appointed by Football SA eligible to sit as a member of a Judicial Body to determine hearings pursuant to these Regulations.

“FA” means Football Federation Australia Limited, the governing body for football (soccer) in Australia.

“FA Statutes” means the statutes and any accompanying standing orders, by-laws and regulations governing football in Australia as disseminated by FA from time to time including the National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations and National Disciplinary Regulations.

“FA Rules and Regulations” means the FA Statutes and any other rules, regulations, policies, procedures, codes of conduct and guidelines developed, disseminated and implemented by FA.

“Federation Cup” means the knockout Cup competition administered by Football SA.

“FIFA” means Federation Internationale de Football Association.

“Finals Series” means the elimination finals, semi-finals, preliminary final, promotional play-off and/ or grand final of a Competition to determine the winner of such Competition.

“Friendly” means any Match participated in by a Club as sanctioned by Football SA or any other Member Federation, which is not part of a Competition.

“Football SA” means Football Federation SA Incorporated ABN 70 315 069 301 the governing

body for football (soccer) in South Australia.

“Football SA Rules and Regulations” mean any rules, regulations, policies, procedures, directives, codes of conduct and guidelines developed, disseminated and implemented by Football SA.

“Hearing” means a hearing of a Judicial Body conducted under these Regulations.

“Laws of the Game” means the official Laws of the Game and the Futsal Laws of the Game as drafted by the International Football Association Board and adopted by FIFA from time to time.

“Match” means any match played under the auspices of Football SA or otherwise under Football SA’s direction or control.

“Match Official” means a referee, assistant referee, fourth official, assessor, match commissioner, or any other person appointed by FA, Football SA or an affiliated body to assume responsibility in connection with a Match.

“Match Official Report” means a Referee Report, Match Official Send Off Report or Incident Report completed and submitted by a Match Official to Football SA.

“Mandatory Match Suspension” means the automatic suspension from participating in a Match or Matches in accordance with, and subject to, these Regulations.

“Member Federation” means a state body member of FA as recognised by FA under its Constitution.

“Minimum Sanction” means the Minimum Sanction set out in the applicable Table of Offences in relation to each Offence which is a combination of the Mandatory Match Suspension applicable in accordance with these Regulations and in some cases, suspension of additional match(es).

“National Disciplinary Regulations” means the National Disciplinary Regulations promulgated by FA from time to time.

“Notice of Appeal” means the relevant prescribed form submitted by a party to Football SA wishing to appeal a decision of the CMC, Disciplinary and Ethics Committee or Arbitration Tribunal.

“Notice of Disciplinary Hearing” a notice provided by Football SA notifying a Participant or Club that is charged the date, time and place for the Disciplinary Hearing.

“Notice of Response” is a form submitted by a party in response to being issued with a Disciplinary Infringement Notice.

“Notice of Suspension” means a notice submitted to a party who has breached these Regulations and has been issued with a Suspension pursuant to these Regulations.

“Obvious Error” has the same meaning as it does in the National Disciplinary Regulations.

“Offences” means those offences committed by a Participant as set out in the Table of Offences in Schedule 1.

“Official” means a Club Official, Match Official or Team Official.

“Participant” means a Player, Official or Spectator.

“Player” means any person who is registered with Football SA or affiliated association whether he or she is registered as a junior or senior or an amateur or professional.

“Red Card Offence” means one of the sending-off offences set out in in the Table of Offences and **“Red Card”** means the issuing of the card confirming a Red Card Offence.

“Referee” means the appropriately qualified person engaged by the Competition Administrator to enforce the Laws of the Game during a Match.

“Regular Season” means the matches played between the Clubs during the home and away Season to determine the Clubs that compete in the Finals Series and includes all Matches that are not in the Finals Series.

“Senior Competitions” means the Senior Men’s Competition and Senior Women’s Competition.

“Senior Men’s Competition” means the Men’s National Premier League, State League 1 and 2 Competitions conducted by Football SA and comprises of Under 18s, Reserves and First Team.

“Senior Women’s Competition” means the Women’s National Premier League and Women’s State League Competitions conducted by Football SA and comprises of Reserves and First Team.

“Spectator” means any person who attends a Match.

“Suspensions” means a suspension issued by a body appointed by Football SA.

“Table of Offences” mean the Offences as set out at Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

“Team Official” means any person involved with a team (whether paid or unpaid), including the coaches, managers, medical staff, other support staff or any other person acting for or on behalf of a Club or an Affiliated Association.

“Yellow Card Offence” means a caution issued to a Player by a Match Official for an infringement set out in Regulation 16.1 and **“Yellow Card”** means the issuing of the card confirming a Yellow Card Offence.

“Youth Competitions” means the Youth Club Championship, Youth Premier League and Youth State League Competitions.

1.3. Scope

These Regulations:

- a) Apply to all Players, Club Officials and Match Officials that participate in Football SA Competitions.
- b) Apply to all Players, Club Officials and Match Officials that participate in affiliated associations.
- c) Apply to spectators that attend Football SA sanctioned Matches or events.

1.4. Objectives of these Regulations are to:

- a) Ensure that all Club Associates and Match Officials observe the Laws of the Game, FA Statutes and Regulations, Football SA Constitution, Competition Rules and Regulations and policies.
- b) Ensure that Football is played competitively and in the spirit of fair play in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
- c) Encourage participation in Football and to improve and advance Football as a spectator sport, and to provide a safe and secure playing and spectating environment.
- d) To provide an independent, fair and effective system that sets out procedures for the administration and determination of all grievances, incidents, disciplinary, dispute and conduct matters involving Participants.
- e) To ensure consistency and transparency in the handling of all grievances, incidents, disciplinary, dispute and conduct matters involving Participants under these Regulations.

2. AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH COMMITTEES

- a) The authority to establish committees and tribunals is vested in the Board of Directors of Football SA.
- b) These Regulations confirm the establishment of the following bodies:
 - i. Competition Management Committee (**CMC**);
 - ii. Disciplinary and Ethics Committee;
 - iii. Arbitration Tribunal; and
 - iv. Appeals Committee.

3. MEMBERSHIP AND COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES AND JUDICIAL BODIES

- a) The CMC will comprise of Football SA Competition staff. To determine a matter, the CMC must consist of a minimum of three (3) Football SA Competition staff.
- b) Members of the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee, Arbitration Tribunal and Appeals Committee (each a **Judicial Body**) will be appointed by Football SA. The Chair and Deputy Chairs of each Judicial Body are appointed by Football SA and must have legal qualifications.
- c) To hear and determine a matter, a Judicial Body may consist of a sole single member which must be a Chair or Deputy Chair appointed in accordance with Regulation 3(b), unless the Chair or Deputy Chair determines in their ultimate discretion that the matter involves complex questions of fact or law which requires 3 Judicial Body members to determine the matter.
- d) Each member of the relevant Judicial Body has and must exercise a single vote.

4. QUALIFICATION OF JUDICIAL BODIES

- a) Each Judicial Body member must:
 - i. Exercise independent judgment;
 - ii. Be independent of Football SA in accordance with Regulation 4(b) below;
 - iii. Have the requisite knowledge, and/or experience, of football, FA Rules and Regulations, and Football SA Rules and Regulations; and

- iv. Have the ability to make decisions that take into account the best interests of the game.
- b) Except where Football SA otherwise determines, a person shall not be appointed to a Judicial Body if that person has served in the previous twelve (12) months or is currently:
 - i. A member of the Board of Football SA;
 - ii. A member of the Board of an Affiliated Association or Club;
 - iii. A Player or Club Official;
 - iv. A Match Official;
 - v. A General Manager or administrator of an Affiliated Association or Club.

5. TERM OF JUDICIAL BODY MEMBERS

- a) Judicial Body members shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years unless he or she has resigned or been removed pursuant to Regulation 6 (Resignation and Removal of Judicial Body Members).
- b) Football SA has the sole and absolute discretion to extend the term of a Judicial Body member.

6. RESIGNATION AND REMOVAL OF JUDICIAL BODY MEMBERS

- a) A member of the Judicial Body Panel may resign by providing notice in writing to Football SA.
- b) Football SA may remove a member of the Judicial Body Panel provided it outlines the reason/s for the removal in writing and that the relevant person has had an opportunity to respond to the stated reasons in writing.

7. CODE OF CONDUCT OF JUDICIAL BODY MEMBERS

- a) Upon their appointment by Football SA, each member of the Judicial Body Panel agrees to be bound by, and comply with, the Football SA Code of Conduct and FA Code of Conduct as applicable to members of the Judicial Body Panel.
- b) Judicial Body Panel members are required to declare perceived or real conflicts of interests at the commencement of Judicial Body hearings. This may relate to the matter at hand or circumstances that may be impacted by that Judicial Body hearing's decision.

8. COMPETITION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

8.1. Jurisdiction

- a) The Competition Administrator or CMC may issue automatic suspensions to Players and Officials based on Red Card Offences and Yellow Card Offences issued by Match Officials pursuant to these Regulations.
- b) The Competition Management Committee (CMC) has jurisdiction to:
 - i. implement suspensions for Offences in accordance with the Table of Offences sanctions and these Regulations;
 - ii. rectify an Obvious Error by a Referee; and
 - iii. investigate, make determinations and issue sanctions relating to a breach of any Football SA Rules and Regulations.

- c) The CMC shall only have jurisdiction to issue a:
 - i. suspension on a Participant that is no longer than six (6) months unless the penalty invokes a suspended suspension in which case the CMC can implement the sanction provided that the non-suspended part of the sanction is no longer than six (6) months; and/ or
 - ii. sanctions on a Club that is no more than a \$1,000 fine and/ or a loss of up to 3 Competition points.
- d) Suspensions and sanctions greater than those outlined in Regulation 8.1(c) may only be issued by a Judicial Body.
- e) The application of Red Card Offences and Yellow Card Offences will be implemented in accordance with the National Disciplinary Regulations and these Regulations.

8.2. Determination

- a) The CMC is responsible for reviewing and actioning all Match Official's Reports and Club Reports that have been submitted to Football SA.
- b) The CMC can determine to take no action, to implement a sanction in accordance with the Table of Offences or refer the matter to the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee.
- c) Where the CMC determines that the Minimum Sanction for the relevant Offence is to be imposed in accordance with the Table of Offences, Football SA will issue the Participant with a Notice of Suspension.
- d) Where the CMC determines that the sanction to be imposed is greater than the Minimum Sanction for the relevant Offence, the CMC will provide the Club with an opportunity to be heard by way of submissions and evidence in relation to the incident including:
 - i. Video footage;
 - ii. Photographs;
 - iii. Written statements.
- e) Where video evidence is provided to Football SA by a Club, Participant or Competition Administrator, the CMC may, in its absolute discretion, refer any incident identified in the footage to the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee. Where any video evidence is provided by a Club or Participant to Football SA after the time of the CMC reviewing the report and issuing a Notice of Suspension, and the matter is referred to the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee, the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may, in its absolute discretion, not permit the introduction of video evidence to the hearing.
- f) For the CMC to take evidence into consideration it must be provided to Football SA within the timeframe specified by Football SA which will not be less than 24 hours from the time of the relevant request by Football SA.
- g) The CMC may take into consideration a Club or Participant's disciplinary history and any prior sanctions or suspensions that have been applied to the Club or Participant in respect to similar offences. For the avoidance of doubt, a Club or Participant's disciplinary history is that as held by FA, Football SA, another Member Federation of FA or an Affiliated Association.

- h) Once the CMC has made a determination on a penalty, a Notice of Suspension will be sent out to the relevant Club by the relevant Competition Administrator. Notification will be sent to the relevant Club as soon as reasonably practicable following receipt of the Match Official's Report. If the Notice of Suspension is in relation to a Participant, the Club is responsible for providing a copy of the Notice of Suspension to the Participant.
- i) A Participant is not entitled to challenge the imposition of the Minimum Sanction for the relevant Offence, except for the ground of mistaken identity in accordance with Regulation 8.3 below.
- j) The CMC is not required to provide reasons for a decision.
- k) The CMC may, in its absolute discretion, refer any matter to the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee for determination.

8.3. Contesting a decision based on mistaken identity

- a) If a Participant claims that he or she was mistakenly identified as committing a Yellow Card Offence or Red Card Offence in a Match Sheet, Referee Report, Match Official Send-off or Incident Report, the Participant or the Club must submit the following forms to the relevant Competition Administrator within 48 hours of the Match being completed:
 - i. Written Statement by a Participant regarding mistaken identity ([here](#));
 - ii. Written Statement by a Club regarding mistaken identity ([here](#));
 - iii. Any other evidence which may support the claim for mistaken identity including but not limited to any video or photo evidence; and
 - iv. Identification of the Participant that the incident relates to.
- b) If Football SA does not receive the information within the time specified in 8.3(a) above, the information in the relevant Match Official Report will be deemed as fact.
- c) After considering the evidence, the CMC will determine whether the claim for mistaken identity should be rejected or upheld.
- d) If the CMC rejects a claim for mistaken identity, the CMC will make a determination based on the Match Official Report.
- e) If the CMC upholds the mistaken identity claim, the appropriately identified Participant will be issued with a Notice of Suspension for a Red Card Offence or will be attributed with the Yellow Card for a Yellow Card Offence. If the Notice of Suspension was issued to the original Participant, it will be rescinded.
- f) The determination made by the CMC will be made in its absolute discretion and advised to the Club in writing. Any such determination is final and not subject to appeal.

8.4. Appealing a Decision of the Competition Management Committee (CMC)

- a) A Club or Participant may only appeal a decision of the CMC to the Appeals Committee pursuant to Regulation 10.2 (Grounds of Appeal).
- b) A Club wishing to appeal a decision of the CMC must complete and submit a Notice of Appeal Form.

- c) The Notice of Appeal must be submitted to Football SA within seven (7) days of the decision by the CMC being notified to the Club and pay the relevant Appeal Fee, as outlined in the Competition Operating Regulations.
- d) Where Football SA does not receive a Notice of Appeal and Appeal Fee within the specified timeframe as outlined in Regulation 8.4(c), it will be deemed that the Club or Participant has waived their right to appeal.
- e) Once the Notice of Appeal and Appeal Fee have been received by Football SA, the appeal will be referred to the Appeals Committee for determination. This is to be heard as an appeal and not as a new hearing. The appeal decision made by the Appeals Committee is considered final and binding and there are no further appeal rights other than those limited appeal rights available under FA Statutes.

9. DISCIPLINARY AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

9.1. Jurisdiction

- a) The Disciplinary and Ethics Committee will be responsible for hearing and determining any matter referred to it by the CMC or Football SA.
- b) The Disciplinary and Ethics Committee panels will be constituted on an ad hoc basis from Members of the Judicial Bodies Panel to hear individual matters as outlined below.

9.2. Matters referred by Competition Management Committee (CMC) or Football SA

- a) The CMC or Football SA may refer any matter to the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee for Determination including but are not limited to:
 - i. any report, charge, alleged breach or matter referred to under the FA National Disciplinary Regulations;
 - ii. any report, charge, alleged breach or matter referred to under FA National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations;
 - iii. any report, charge, alleged breach or matter referred to under the Football SA Competition Rules, Operating Regulations, Code of Conducts; and
 - iv. any other report, charge, alleged breach or matter referred by Football SA including serious matters referred to Football SA by an Affiliated Association.
- b) Prior to the matter being referred to the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee, Football SA must notify the Participant, Club or entity that should the Participant, Club or entity wish to provide an explanation or information in relation to the infringement, offence or breach, such explanation or information may be provided in writing to the Football SA within 48 hours of the request. Football SA will consider the information provided.
- c) If it is determined that the matter will be referred to the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee, a Disciplinary Infringement Notice will be issued by Football SA to the Club notifying them of the details of the Hearing.
- d) The Disciplinary Infringement Notice shall outline the following information:
 - i. the name of the Participant, Club or entity;
 - ii. the date, time and place of hearing;
 - iii. reasonable details of the alleged infringement, offence or breach;

- iv. video evidence or materials that are being presented; and
 - v. notice of possible sanctions in accordance with relevant FA and Football SA Statutes and Regulations.
- e) Football SA will, where possible, schedule a Disciplinary Hearing before the next applicable Match, or within five (5) business days of the alleged infringement.
 - f) All hearings will proceed at the date and time specified in the hearing notice provided by Football SA. Any adjournment will be at the discretion of the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee.
 - g) On receipt of a Disciplinary Infringement Notice, the Club must submit a completed and signed [Notice of Response](#) by 4:00pm on the day prior to the Disciplinary Hearing. If the matter goes to a Disciplinary Hearing, any other supporting documentation must be provided by 4:00pm on the day prior to the Disciplinary Hearing.
 - h) A party who pleads guilty in a Notice of Response may be eligible for leniency by the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee in respect to any sanction imposed.
 - i) Where a Notice of Response is not received by Football SA within the timeframe specified, it will be deemed that the charged party has pleaded guilty to all charges outlined in the Disciplinary Infringement Notice and accepts the information outlined in the reports provided.

9.3. Disciplinary and Ethics Committee Proceedings

- a) The Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may conduct the hearing in any manner it sees fit including, but not limited to, conducting it via video or teleconference and may, if it considers it appropriate, amend the charges and/or adjourn the hearing, provided that:
 - i. all parties affected are given a reasonable opportunity to be heard; and
 - ii. the hearing is conducted with as little formality, and with as much expedition, as proper consideration of the matters permit.
- b) The Disciplinary and Ethics Committee is not bound by the rules of evidence or by practices or procedures applicable to courts of record however the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee is required to adhere to the principles of natural justice. The following is applicable to Disciplinary and Ethics Committee proceedings:
 - i. at the commencement of a hearing, the Chair of the sitting Disciplinary and Ethics Committee will read out each charge.
 - ii. the Participant or Club charged, if present, will be asked whether they plead guilty or not guilty in accordance with the Notice of Response they have submitted.
 - iii. in some cases, Disciplinary and Ethics Committee, at their discretion, may allow a party to be represented by a person with legal qualifications only if such a request was included in the Notice of Response.
- c) The Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may either on its own motion, or on application by a party, adjourn the hearing of any matter on such terms as it sees fit.
- d) Football SA may make such submissions to the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee as it sees fit, either on the question of penalty or sanction.

9.4. Attendance at a Hearing

- a) By a Club Associate:
 - i. Attendance at the hearing of the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee by person(s) or Club(s) who have been charged is mandatory.
 - ii. If a charged person or club does not attend the hearing, the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may at its sole and absolute discretion:
 - A. hear the matter without the charged person or club being in attendance; or
 - B. adjourn the matter, in exceptional circumstances as determined by the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee.
- b) By Referee:
 - i. Any written Send-Off, Incident Report or other such report submitted by an appointed Match Official in relation to any matter before the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee will be taken as a factual account of the incident in accordance with the FA Judicial Bodies By-Law. As such, a Match Official will not be required to attend the hearing however the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may at its sole and absolute discretion request further information from a Match Official, this may include via the telephone.

9.5. Witnesses

- a) The hearing of witnesses is at the sole and absolute discretion of the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee. All witnesses that are to attend a hearing of the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee must notify Football SA by 4:00pm on the day prior to the Disciplinary Hearing.
- b) The Club or individual may provide witness statements as they see fit. Witnesses may be called to the hearing however it is at the sole and absolute discretion of the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee as to whether witnesses will be heard. The Chair of the sitting Disciplinary and Ethics Committee will make the determination on the night of the hearing on whether witnesses will be heard and communicate it to the party.
- c) If a witness has provided a written statement and is not present to be questioned about that statement, the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may attach such weight to the document as it deems appropriate.
- d) The parties may call evidence from such witnesses as are permitted by the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee and all such witnesses can be subject to questioning by the other party or members of the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee.
- e) The Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may permit a witness to give evidence via the telephone or by such means as the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee deems appropriate.

9.6. Evidence

- a) Parties who wish to rely upon documents or other evidence (video recordings, witness statements, CCTV, photos, and so forth), must provide copies or confirm their intended use of such material to Football SA by 4:00pm on the day prior to the Disciplinary Hearing.
- b) If the evidence is not provided or notified within this timeframe, it will be at the sole and absolute discretion of the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee as to whether the evidence will be permitted.

9.7. Completion of evidence

- a) At the completion of the evidence:
 - i. the parties shall leave the hearing room as requested by the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee.
 - ii. the Committee will consider all the evidence and submissions made during the hearing and decide on the balance of probabilities with respect to whether or not the charge(s) or matter has been proven.
 - iii. prior to making a final Determination the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may call for submissions from the charged party.
 - iv. the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee may announce an oral decision at the conclusion of the Disciplinary Hearing or provide its decision at a later time. The Disciplinary and Ethics Committee is not required to give written reasons for its decision but may do so in its sole discretion or if the matter is referred to the Appeal Committee.
- b) The Determination of the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee will be decided by majority opinion where the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee consists of three (3) persons.
- c) The Disciplinary and Ethics Committee is not bound by the categorisation of the alleged Offence, charge, breach in the Disciplinary Infringement Notice or otherwise, and may determine the Participant or Club guilty of any breach of FA or Football SA Regulations it deems appropriate in its sole discretion.
- d) Football SA will send written notification of the Determination to the relevant Club following the Disciplinary Hearing. The Determinations of all Disciplinary Hearing may be announced or published on Football SA's website, unless otherwise directed by the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee or if it relates to a Player participating in a Junior or Community Competition.

9.8. Duration of hearing

Disciplinary and Ethics Committee Hearings are scheduled for one (1) hour, or one and a half (1.5) hours in more complex cases, at the discretion of the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee. In exceptional circumstances, as deemed necessary by the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee, a hearing may extend beyond this timeframe.

10. APPEALS COMMITTEE

10.1. Jurisdiction

- a) The Appeals Committee is responsible for hearing and determining appeals from Determinations of the:
 - i. CMC; and
 - ii. Disciplinary and Ethics Committee; and
 - iii. Affiliated Associations (as per Regulation 10.1(c) below).
- b) An Appeals Committee will be constituted on an ad hoc basis from the Judicial Bodies Panel to hear and determine appeals as referred to it by Football SA. No Judicial Bodies Panel who sat on the panel for the first instance hearing in Regulation 10.1(a) above is eligible to sit on the Appeals Committee.

- c) The Appeals Committee only has jurisdiction to hear appeals from Affiliated Associations where the following criteria has been satisfied:
 - i. the party appealing has exhausted the Affiliated Associations tribunal;
 - ii. the Affiliated Association provides an appeal avenue to Football SA within their regulations or the Committee formally refers the appeal to Football SA;
 - iii. the sanction imposed is greater than 6 Matches (for Participants), 3 championship points (for clubs) or \$2,000 (for Clubs or Participants).

10.2. Grounds of Appeal

An appeal to the Appeals Committee may only be made on the following grounds:

- a) A party was not afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard;
- b) That the decision was so unreasonable that no CMC or Disciplinary and Ethics Committee acting reasonably could have come to that decision having regard to the evidence before it; and/ or
- c) The determination was affected by bias;
- d) That the sanction imposed was manifestly excessive.

10.3. Composition for Appeal Hearing

The Appeal Committee for each Appeal Hearing shall comprise three (3) people including:

- a) A Chair appointed between the sitting Appeal Committee members;
- b) At least one (1) member of the Appeal Committee shall have legal qualifications; and
- c) No members of the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee who made the initial Determination.

10.4. Notice of Appeal by Person

- a) An appeal shall only be accepted by Football SA if the Notice for Appeal Form is completed and submitted to Football SA accompanied by the specified Appeal fee as follows:
 - i. \$250 for Youth and Community Competitions; or
 - ii. \$500 for all Senior Competitions.
- b) The Notice of Appeal must specify the grounds upon which the appeal is brought, including particulars relating to such ground(s) in accordance with clause 10.2.

10.5. Lodgment of Notice of Appeal

A Notice of Appeal shall be lodged by:

- a) delivering; or
- b) transmitting,

to Football SA within seven (7) days of receiving the Determination in writing.

10.6. Time for Hearing of Appeal

- a) Upon receipt of a Notice of Appeal, Football SA shall:
 - i. Fix the date, time and place for the hearing of the appeal as soon as practicable;
 - ii. Advise all parties involved in the appeal in writing of the particulars;
 - iii. Appoint representatives from the Judicial Body Panel to sit on the Appeal Hearing (in accordance with Regulation 10.3 above);

- iv. Provide all required documentation relating to the hearing to the Appeal Committee, the Club concerned, and where notified, to representatives of the parties.
- b) The Appeal Committee or Football SA may vary the date, time or place specified in the Appeal Notice. Where this occurs, Football SA shall as soon as practicable, provide all parties interested in the appeal with written notice of any such variation.

10.7. Attendance

- a) An appellant shall attend and appear before the Appeal Committee at the date, time and place outlined in the Appeal Notice. Where an appellant fails to attend before the Appeal Committee, the Appeal Committee may hear and determine the appeal in the appellant's absence or adjourn the hearing. Any such decision is at the sole and absolute discretion of the Appeal Committee.
- b) Counsel may attend and appear before the Appeal Committee at the date, time and place outlined in the Appeal Notice. Where Counsel fails to attend before the Appeal Committee, the Appeal Committee may hear and determine the appeal in the absence of Counsel or adjourn the hearing. Any such decision is at the sole and absolute discretion of the Appeal Committee.

10.8. Procedure and Evidence of the Appeals Committee

- a) The Appeals Committee may regulate the Appeal hearing proceedings in any such manner as the Chairperson of the Appeal Committee thinks fit.
- b) The Appeals Committee is not bound by the rules of evidence or by practices and procedures applicable to Courts but may inform itself as to any matter in such manner as it thinks fit. The Appeals Committee is however required to observe the principles of natural justice in conducting its hearings.

10.9. Obligations of Appeal Committee

The Appeals Committee shall:

- a) Provide any person whose interest will be directly and adversely affected by its decision a reasonable opportunity to be heard;
- b) Hear and determine the matter before it in an unbiased manner; and
- c) Act with honesty and integrity.

10.10. Adjournment and Stay of Sanction

- a) Unless determined otherwise by the Chair of the Appeals Committee, where the CMC or Disciplinary Committee imposes a sanction that prevents the appellant from participating in a Match or Matches, the appellant must serve that sanction pending the determination of the Appeal.
- b) The Appeals Committee may of its own decision or upon application by the party, determine:
 - i. that an Appeal be adjourned.
 - ii. A sanction imposed by the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee be deferred pending the determination of the Appeal.

10.11. Representation

- a) At an Appeal Hearing a person may:
 - i. Appear in person; or
 - ii. Subject to leave of the Appeals Committee, be legally represented.
- b) At any hearing before the Appeals Committee, legal counsel shall be entitled to appear until or unless excused by the Chair of the Appeals Committee.

10.12. Decisions of the Appeal Committee

- a) The Appeals Committee determination will be in accordance with majority opinion of the Members.
- b) The Appeals Committee has the power to:
 - i. Confirm, reduce, rescind, vary or increase any penalty appealed against.
 - ii. Confirm or alter the decision made by Football SA in applying the Competition Rules and Regulations only where that decision complies with the Competition Regulations (i.e. correcting a misapplication of the Competition Rules and Regulations).
 - iii. Impose any sanction, measure or make any order the Appeal Committee thinks fit or a decision that could have been imposed under these Regulations.
- c) A failure to comply with a determination of the Appeal Committee is itself a breach of these Regulations and may result in the person or club being sanctioned.
- d) A short oral indication of the outcome of the hearing shall be provided to the parties at the conclusion of the hearing unless otherwise specified by the Chair. A written determination will be provided within five (5) business days of the completion of the hearing, where possible.
- e) If the appellant is completely successful in its appeal, Football SA must refund to the appellant the appeal fee.

11. STATE ARBITRATION TRIBUNAL

11.1. Jurisdiction

- a) The State Arbitration Tribunal has jurisdiction to determine legal disputes arising out of or in connection with a contractual relationship between:
 - i. Football SA and a Football SA Club;
 - ii. a Football SA Club and a Football SA Club;
 - iii. Football SA and an Affiliated Association;
 - iv. a Football SA Club and an Affiliated Association; or
 - v. an Affiliated Association and an Affiliated Association.
- b) Regulation 11.1(a) above excludes matters that fall within the exclusive jurisdiction of Football Australia including the FA Judicial Bodies By-Law or FA National Dispute Resolution Chamber Regulations.

11.2. Formation of a State Arbitration Panel

- a) Subject to Regulation 11.2(b), Disputes at first instance will be heard by a Panel consisting of a single Arbitrator appointed by the Administrator.
- b) A party to a Dispute may petition the Administrator to convene a Panel of three (3) Arbitrators only on the grounds that the Dispute involves complex or serious questions of fact or law or matters likely to be of a precedential nature. In this case, the Administrator may decide in their sole and absolute discretion to have the matter heard by a single Arbitrator or a Panel of three (3) Arbitrators (without having to give reasons for such decision).
- c) An appeal from a decision of a single Arbitrator will be heard by a Panel consisting of three (3) Arbitrators appointed by the Administrator, including the chair of the Panel.

11.3. Application to the State Arbitration Tribunal

- a) An application for Determination of a Dispute may only be initiated by party listed in Regulation 11.1.
- b) If a party listed in Regulation 11.1 wants the State Arbitration Tribunal to hear and determine a Dispute (*Applicant*) they must:
 - i. pay Football SA a non-refundable application fee of \$500; and
 - ii. lodge a completed and signed Application Form with the Administrator, copied to the other party (*Respondent*) and any person who is an affected party.
- c) A hearing will not be convened unless and the application fee of \$500 has been received by Football SA.
- d) The Application Form must be signed by the Applicant and contain the following mandatory information (in addition to any other relevant mandatory information provided for in the Application Form):
 - i. the name and contact details of the Applicant and the Respondent;
 - ii. the name and contact details of any affected party;
 - iii. the date on which the event or non-event giving rise to the Dispute took place or concluded (if a series of events);
 - iv. a statement summarising the alleged facts and any legal arguments;
 - v. an explanation of the provision of the relevant agreement that is alleged to have been breached giving rise to the dispute;
 - vi. the specific relief sought; and
 - vii. evidence of payment to Football SA of the application fee of \$500.

11.4. Applicable Timeframes and Limitation Periods

- a) **Applicable Timeframes**
 - i. If a party has an express contractual obligation to refer a Dispute to the National Arbitration Tribunal under these Regulations within certain timeframes, that party must do so in accordance with those timeframes failing which the Administrator must not accept an application for determination.
 - ii. It is incumbent upon the Applicant to provide proof that the time limit has been observed.
 - iii. If a Dispute is urgent and any further discussion between the parties is unlikely to resolve that Dispute, such urgency may be indicated on the Application Form which

may be taken into account by the Administrator when convening the Panel in accordance with these Regulations.

b) Limitation Periods

- i. Subject to Regulations 11.4(a)(1) and 11.4(b)(ii), any application for Determination under these Regulations may not be commenced and the Administrator must not accept any applications for Determination, if more than two (2) years have elapsed since the events giving rise to the Dispute took place and an application which complies with Regulation 11.3(a) and (d) has not been lodged with the Administrator within that limitation period.
 - ii. The limitation period starts the day on which the events giving rise to the Dispute took place or concluded (if a series of events). For the avoidance of doubt, this does not preclude the lodgement of appeals after the expiry of the limitation period provided that the initial application to which the appeal relates (which complies with Regulation 11.3(a) and (d) was lodged within time.
 - iii. The limitation period will expire at midnight on the last day of the limitation period. If the last day of the limitation period is not a Business Day, the limitation period will expire at midnight on the next Business Day.
 - iv. The Panel may extend the period set out in Regulation 11.4(b)(i) exceptional circumstances.
- c) Where the chair of the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee has made a direction pursuant to Regulation 7.5 of the Grievance Procedure By-Law, the dispute must be heard by the Judicial Bodies notwithstanding that the dispute would otherwise fall within the jurisdiction of Regulation 11.1.
- d) If a Panel considers that a matter raises a disciplinary issue, the Panel must submit the file to the chair of the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee Disciplinary and Ethics Committee for determination.

11.5. Pre-Hearing Procedure

- a) Once the Administrator receives an Application Form which complies with these Regulations, the Administrator must convene the Panel within twenty-one (21) days.
- b) Once convened, the Panel must issue directions with respect to the proceedings as soon as practicable and convene a date for the hearing being no later than twenty-one (21) days of being convened (or as soon as possible thereafter).
- c) If a party fails to comply with any directions of the Panel or any timetable as determined by the directions hearing without showing sufficient cause for such failure, and that party is:
 - i. the Applicant, the Panel may continue the proceedings; or
 - ii. the Respondent or an Affected Party the Panel must continue the proceedings.

11.6. Submissions and Evidence

- a) The terms of this Regulation 11 apply to ensure each party is provided with an opportunity to consider the other party's case before the hearing in order that it may appropriately respond.
- b) The proceedings before the Panel will comprise of:

- i. written submissions, materials, documents or other evidence a party intends to rely on in the hearing; and
 - ii. a hearing.
- c) Subject to any directions of the Panel (including as to timetable), a party must provide to the Administrator a copy of the materials referred to in Regulation 11.6(b) in accordance with Regulation 11.6(d), at least two (2) Business Days before the scheduled start of the hearing. If it fails to do so, that party is not, without the leave of the Panel, allowed to submit them at the hearing.
- d) The materials referred to in Regulation (b)(ii) supplied to the Administrator by one party:
 - i. must be supplied in hard copy to the Administrator in as many copies as there are members of the Panel with three (3) additional copies for the Administrator;
 - ii. must at the same time also be supplied by email to the Administrator; and
 - iii. must at the same time be provided by that party to the other party in hard copy and by email.
- e) There will be only one submission of the materials referred to in Regulation i by each party, and no further written submissions or evidence may be produced before or during a hearing without the leave of the Panel.
- f) Subject to any directions of the Panel (including as to timetable), a party must provide notice in writing to the Administrator and the other party (or parties) at least two (2) Business Days prior to the scheduled start of the hearing in respect of:
 - i. who will represent it at the hearing, including any legal representative;
 - ii. any witness or expert who that party intends to present at the hearing together with at least the subject matter on which the witness or expert will testify (and if an expert, stating that expert's area of expertise); and
 - iii. any person who is reasonably required to assist that party in the proceedings (for example, an interpreter).
- g) failing which such persons (referred to in Regulations 11.6(f)(i)-(iii)), without the leave of the Panel, must not be allowed to take part in the hearing.
- h) The Administrator must promptly provide to the Panel:
 - i. copies of the materials supplied to it in accordance with Regulation 11.6(d); and
 - ii. the information provided to it in accordance with Regulation 11.6(f).
- i) The Panel may, ex officio or if so determining at the request of one of the parties, refuse to take submission or evidence that it does not consider relevant, which bears no relation to the facts asserted or which would otherwise unnecessarily delay the proceedings.

11.7. Hearings

- a) Hearings of the State Arbitration Tribunal must be conducted at Football SA's head office in Adelaide, unless otherwise determined by Football SA and such place will be considered the seat of the State Arbitration Tribunal.
- b) The Panel has the right to determine all procedures to be adopted during the hearing of a Dispute and may during the course of any hearing:

- i. grant or order an adjournment to provide parties with additional time or to consider additional submission or evidence; or
- ii. admit (subject to Regulation e)) or request the production of documents or any relevant written evidence available to the parties or any other person, including declarations from the parties and witnesses, expert opinion and video or audio recordings.

11.8. Relief

- a) The State Arbitration Tribunal may grant an award of compensatory damages.
- b) The State Arbitration Tribunal may determine the conditions applicable to the relief granted in relation to a Dispute, including the terms and time limits for payment in the case of monetary relief.

11.9. Determination

- a) A Determination must be made in writing and:
 - i. contain the names of the Arbitrator(s);
 - ii. briefly provide the reasons on which the Determination is based;
 - iii. be signed by the Panel or sole Arbitrator (as applicable); and
 - iv. contain the date on which, and the place where, the Determination was made.
- b) A copy of the written Determination must be promptly provided to the parties as soon as practicably possible following the Determination being made.
- c) A Panel may initially announce the Determination only (verbally or in writing), but must subsequently provide a copy of the written Determination complying with Regulation 11.9(a) in accordance with Regulation 11.9(b).
- d) Each member of the Panel has a single vote and where decisions of a Panel are not unanimous, the decision of the majority will prevail. If there is an equality of votes, the Arbitrator appointed as the chair of the Panel will have the casting vote.
- e) Unless otherwise specified in a particular regulation or by the body making an award, the award (including where a Determination is announced in accordance with Regulation 11.9(c) has immediate effect.

11.10. Settlement

- a) Parties are encouraged to settle Disputes and parties may do so at any time, including after an Application Form has been submitted or any proceedings have commenced.
- b) If, before a Determination is made, the parties agree on a settlement of the Dispute, the Panel must either:
 - i. issue an order for the termination of the proceedings; or
 - ii. if requested by all parties and accepted by the Panel, record the settlement in the form of a Determination on agreed terms. The Panel is not obliged to give reasons for such an award.
- c) A Determination on agreed terms has the same status and effect as any other Determination on the merits of the case.

- d) The Panel must issue an order for termination of any proceedings if the:
 - i. Applicant withdraws its application for determination;
 - ii. parties submit a written notice agreeing to the termination of the proceedings; or
 - iii. continuation of the proceedings has for any other reason become unnecessary or impossible in accordance with Regulation 11.10(e) below.
- e) If, before a Determination is made, the continuation of any proceedings becomes unnecessary or impossible (if so considered by the Panel), the Panel must inform the parties of its intention to issue an order for the termination of the proceedings. The Panel has the power to issue such an order unless a party raises justifiable grounds for objection.
- f) A copy of the signed order for termination must be provided to the parties.

12. NO RECOURSE TO COURTS

- a) Any Determination made under these Regulations will be final and binding on the party or parties neither party nor an affected party may institute or maintain proceedings in any court of law or tribunal in relation to such Determination (other than the limited right of appeal to the FA subject to the FA Statutes).
- b) Without limiting the generality of Regulation 12(a) and for further assurance notwithstanding that such provisions have no applicability, there will be no right of appeal under Regulations 34 (Application for setting aside as exclusive recourse against arbitral award) or 34A (Appeals against awards), and no right to apply for the determination of a question of law under Regulation 27J (Determination of preliminary point of law by the Court) of the *Commercial Arbitration Act 2011* (SA).

13. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR ALL JUDICIAL BODY HEARINGS

13.1. Dissemination of Documents Electronically

To ensure that information is provided in an efficient and timely manner, all documents relating to any hearing will be sent by Football SA via email.

13.2. Submissions by a Party

- a) Unless there are exceptional circumstances (to be determined at the sole discretion of Football SA), documentation will not be accepted by Football SA outside of the specified timeframe.
- b) All written submissions, materials, documents or other evidence supplied to Football SA will be provided to the other parties (including an Affected Party) involved in the hearing.

13.3. Affected Party

- a) A party submitting a Notice of Appeal Form must state whether there is any other party who may be affected by the decision.
- b) Any Judicial Body hearing a matter may require that any relevant document be given to a party if it is of the view that the outcome of the hearing may affect the interests of that party.

- c) Football SA may, in its absolute discretion, consider itself an Affected Party for the purposes of this Regulation 13.3 if it considers that the determination of a matter may affect the interests of Football SA, FA or may bring the game into disrepute or damage the reputation and goodwill of the game.
- d) An Affected Party provided with notice under this Regulation 13.3 may participate in the hearing as an Affected Party and may make submissions. The Affected Party is bound by any decision.
- e) If an Affected Party provided with notice elects not to participate in a hearing, that Affected Party cannot subsequently initiate a Dispute under these Regulations in relation to the same subject matter.

13.4. Attendance of an Adult

If a person is under eighteen (18) years of age, they must be accompanied by an adult at a hearing.

13.5. General conduct of Hearings

- a) A Hearing will not be bound by the rules of evidence usually applicable to proceedings in a court of law.
- b) All Hearings must be conducted in accordance with the principles of natural justice.
- c) A Judicial Body may conduct the hearing in any matter as it sees fit provided that:
 - i. All parties are given a reasonable opportunity to be heard; and
 - ii. The hearing is conducted with as little formality and technicality and with as
 - iii. much expedition as proper consideration of the matters before it permits.
- d) A Judicial Body is empowered to:
 - i. Take evidence subject to Regulation 9.6. The admissibility and weight to be given to any evidence in a hearing shall be at the discretion of the Judicial Body.
 - ii. Require the attendance of any party to give evidence. The hearing of any witness is at the sole and absolute discretion of the Judicial Body Hearing the matter.
 - iii. Require the production of any document, information or other evidence in whatever form held by any party.
 - iv. Inform itself on any matter or thing in order to properly carry out its function in accordance with these Regulations.
- e) Unless there are exceptional circumstances (to be determined by the Appeals Committee), in determining any appeal under Regulation 10.2, the Appeals Committee shall not consider new evidence to that which was before the body whose decision is being appealed.
- f) The Chair of a Judicial Body may issue appropriate directions for the conduct of any matter or hearing.

13.6. Disclosure of Judicial Body Members

In the interests of ensuring independence, Football SA will not disclose the names of the Judicial Body members prior to a hearing to any party.

13.7. Standard of proof

A Judicial Body shall decide on the balance of probabilities.

13.8. Costs

- a) The parties attending a Judicial Body Hearing shall pay their own costs unless the Judicial Body determines otherwise.
- b) In a Hearing, the Judicial Body may award the costs it considers appropriate on:
 - i. the application of a party; or
 - ii. the Judicial Body's determination
- c) In deciding whether to award costs, and the amount of the costs, the Judicial Body may take the following into consideration:
 - i. The outcome of the hearing.
 - ii. The relative strengths of the claims made by each of the parties to the hearing.
 - iii. Any legal costs incurred by a party (including an Affected Party), a Judicial Body or Football SA.
 - iv. Any contravention of the FA or Football SA Rules and Regulations by a party to the proceeding; and
 - v. Anything else the committee considers relevant.

13.9. Contempt of Judicial Body

- a) A person appearing before a hearing must not:
 - i. Insult a member of a Judicial Body during the course of their duties.
 - ii. Repeatedly interrupt the proceedings of a Judicial Body.
 - iii. Create a disturbance or take part in a disturbance in or near a place where the Judicial Body Hearing is being conducted.
 - iv. Fail to comply with a direction of the Judicial Body; or
 - v. Do any other act or thing that contravenes the FA or Football SA Code of Conduct or brings the game into disrepute.
- b) If a Judicial Body deems that a person has breached Regulation 13.9, then it may impose sanctions as it sees fit in accordance with these Regulations or make recommendations to Football SA.

13.10. Hearing of a Proceeding Pending Criminal or Disciplinary Action

A Committee may issue suspensions or decide based on whether or not a party:

- a) Has been charged with, convicted of or sentenced for an offence arising out of the Contravention.
- b) Is the subject of a pending disciplinary proceedings relating to the contravention or
- c) May be, or has been, subject to disciplinary action in relation to the contravention.

13.11. Publication and Confidentiality

- a) Subject to any term of a determination imposing confidentiality or any other legal requirements, any determination or suspension may be disclosed on the Football SA website except in the case of a minor.
- b) All evidence and information provided in hearings is to be treated in the strictest confidence. Parties and their representatives and witnesses must not use or disclose to any third party any confidential information obtained during the hearing.

14. SOCIAL MEDIA AND DETRIMENTAL PUBLIC COMMENT

- a) Pursuant to the FA Code of Conduct, a Participant may be sanctioned for making prohibited public comments, statements or representations.
- b) Football SA may, in its absolute discretion, investigate such matters and charge a person for a breach Regulations and/or the FA Code of Conduct refer the matter to the Competition Management Committee or the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee for determination.

15. SPECTATORS

- a) FA's Code of Conduct applies to all Clubs including but not limited to Club liability for supporter misconduct. Football SA may enforce the terms of the FA Code of Conduct against a Club, Player, Official or Spectator.
- b) FA's Code of Conduct, FA's Spectator Code of Behaviour, Terms of Admission and any other venue conditions applies to all Spectators attending any Match under the jurisdiction of Football SA.
- c) The CMC, Disciplinary and Ethics Committee and Appeal Committee have jurisdiction to issue sanctions against Spectators.
- d) Any spectator ban imposed by FA under its applicable rules and regulations against a person may be endorsed and applied by Football SA across all Matches and Competitions.
- e) Any spectator ban imposed by a Club or Affiliated Association may be endorsed and applied by Football SA across all Matches and Competitions.

16. MANDATORY MATCH SUSPENSIONS FOR YELLOW CARD OFFENCES

Table of Offences for Yellow Cards

Code	Description
Y1	The player is guilty of unsporting conduct
Y2	The player shows dissent by action or word
Y3	The player persistently infringes the Laws of the Game
Y4	The player delays the restart of play
Y5	The player fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick or throw in.
Y6	The player re-enters the field of play without the Referee's permission
Y7	The player deliberately leaves the field of play without the Referee's permission

- a) A Participant must serve a Mandatory Match Suspension when they accumulates the following number of Yellow Card Offences during the Regular Season or as otherwise determined by Football SA.

<u>Number of Yellow Card Offences</u>	<u>Period of Suspension</u>
5 cautions	one Match
8 cautions	one Match
11 cautions	one Match
14 cautions	one Match
17 cautions	one Match

Where a Competition consists of 21 or more Regular Season rounds (or 21 or more Matches per competing Club if there are byes), and if a Participant has not accumulated five (5) Yellow Cards after 18 rounds, a suspension will only be applied once a Participant has accumulated eight (8) Yellow Cards.

Notwithstanding the above, Participant who receives five (5) Yellow Cards in a Community Competition will be suspended for a minimum of one (1) Match. For the avoidance of doubt, if a Participant receives four (4) Yellow Cards in a Community Competition and one (1) Yellow Card in a non-Community Competition, they are not suspended in accordance with this Regulation.

Penalty: Fines may apply as outlined in the Competition Operating Regulations to Clubs for Participant that accumulate the number of Yellow Card Offences during the Season in breach of this Regulation.

A Participant that receives 17 Yellow Card Offences in the Competition will be referred to Football SA Disciplinary and Ethics Committee.

- b) Yellow Card Offences received during the Football SA Cup Competition, Football SA Finals Series, or any other Football SA sanctioned Match shall be recorded separately (refer to the relevant Competition Operating Regulations).
- c) Any Mandatory Match Suspension received due to the accumulation of Yellow Card Offences is to be served in the Competition in which such accumulation occurred.
- d) A Participant is eligible to play or otherwise participate in a Match the day after the suspension has been served in accordance with Regulation 16(c). For the avoidance of doubt, this eligibility is subject to the Participant having first served their suspension in the relevant league Competition. For example, a Participant who accumulates a suspension in a reserves league Competition cannot then subsequently play a Match in a seniors league Competition that day.
- e) For the avoidance of doubt, if a suspension pursuant to Regulation 16(a) is being served in a league Competition, the Participant must serve the suspension in the league Competition in which they gained the highest number of accumulated Yellow Card Offences. If the Yellow Card Offences are accumulated evenly across different grades of Competition, the suspension will be served in the grade that the Participant received their last Yellow Card Offence.
- f) If a Participant receives two (2) Yellow Card Offences during the same Match, a Red Card Offence has occurred.

- g) If a Participant receives two (2) Yellow Card Offences during the same Match and therefore receives a Red Card, the two (2) Yellow Cards are expunged from their disciplinary record.
- h) If a Player receives a yellow card and then a red card in the same Match, the yellow card will not be expunged and will be counted in the Player's accumulation of Yellow Card Offences.
- i) The accumulation of Yellow Card Offences will be reset at the end of the last Match of the pre-season, the Competition proper and any Final Series respectively. This means that Yellow Card Offences accumulated in the pre-season competition do not carry over to the competition proper and Yellow Cards accumulated in a competition do not carry over to any Finals Series. Match suspensions incurred as a result of the accumulation of Yellow Card Offences will not be cancelled. Any variation on the resetting of Yellow Card Offences may be outlined in the relevant Competition Operating Regulations.
- j) Each Club is responsible for maintaining an independent record of their Participant's Yellow Card Offences and Red Card Offences and for ensuring a suspended Participant does not play or acts in the capacity of a Team Official.
- k) The Competition Administrator may send a Notice of Suspension to the Club stipulating the name of Participant that has received the Mandatory Match Suspension for accumulation of Yellow Card Offences as soon as possible following the relevant Match.
- l) If a suspension is to be served in terms of Matches, only those Matches participated in count towards the suspension being served. If a Match is abandoned, cancelled or forfeited, a suspension is only considered to be served if the Team to which the suspended Participant belongs is not responsible for the fact that led to the abandonment, cancellation or forfeiture of the Match.
- m) Competition Operating Regulations may stipulate slight variations to the calculation of accumulated Yellow Card Offences consistent with the number of Yellow Card Offences outlined in Regulation 16(a).
- n) Cup Competitions:
 - i. A Participant who receives three (3) Yellow Cards during a Cup Competition will be suspended for one (1) Match, the suspension which will be served in the next competitive Match in the relevant Cup Competition.
 - ii. All Yellow Cards will be reset at the completion of the Quarter-Finals of a Cup Competition unless the Participant has received a suspension due to the accumulation of Yellow Cards. If a Participant receives a suspension due to the accumulation of Yellow Cards, the suspension will be served in the Semi-Final or if the Player's team has been knocked out of the Cup Competition, in the next competitive Match in a Cup Competition.
 - iii. For the avoidance of doubt, Yellow Cards are accumulated separately for the Australia Cup and Federation Cup. For clarity, a Participant will only receive a Mandatory Match Suspension for the accumulation of Yellow Cards if:
 - A. The Participant receives three (3) Yellow Cards in the Australia Cup Preliminary Rounds; or
 - B. The Participant receives three (3) Yellow Cards across the Federation Cup (Under 18 and Reserves) competition.

- o) All Yellow Cards accumulated in the Australia Cup will be reset at the completion of the Australia Cup South Australia Qualifying-Finals (Preliminary Round 7) unless the Participant has received a suspension due to the accumulation of Yellow Cards. If a Participant receives a suspension due to the accumulation of Yellow Cards in the Australia Cup competition, the suspension will be served in the next Australia Cup competition Match. Pursuant to Regulation 16(o)(iii) above, the Participant is however eligible to participate in the Federation Cup Final, should the Participant's team qualify to participate.
- p) All Yellow Cards will be reset at the conclusion of the relevant Cup Competition.

Penalty: Fines may apply as outlined in the Competition Operating Regulations to Clubs for Participant that accumulate the number of Yellow Card Offences during the Season or Cup Competition (as the case may be) in breach of this Regulation.

17. EXPULSION OF TEAM OFFICIAL

- a) A Team Official must serve a Mandatory Match Suspension when he or she accumulates the following number of Yellow Card Offences during the Regular Season or as otherwise determined by Football SA.

<u>Number of Yellow Card Offences</u>	<u>Period of Suspension</u>
5 cautions	one Match
8 cautions	one Match
11 cautions	one Match
14 cautions	one Match
17 cautions	one Match

Where a Competition consists of 21 or more Regular Season rounds (or 21 or more Matches per competing Club if there are byes), and if a Team Official has not accumulated five (5) Yellow Cards after 18 rounds, a suspension will only be applied once a Team Official has accumulated eight (8) Yellow Cards.

Notwithstanding the above, Team Officials who receive five (5) Yellow Cards in a Community Competition will be suspended for a minimum of one (1) Match. For the avoidance of doubt, if a Team Official receives four (4) Yellow Cards in a Community Competition and one (1) Yellow Card in a non-Community Competition, they are not suspended in accordance with this Regulation.

Penalty: Fines may apply as outlined in the Competition Operating Regulations to Clubs for Team Officials that accumulate the number of Yellow Card Offences during the Season in breach of this Regulation.

A Team Official that receives 17 Yellow Cards in a Competition will be referred to the Football SA Disciplinary Committee.

- b) A Match Official may issue Team Officials with a Yellow Card Offence and/ or Red Card Offence who fail to conduct themselves in a responsible manner. Team Officials who commit a Red Card Offence will be expelled from the field of play and its immediate surroundings, including the technical areas.

- c) If a Team Official is issued with a Red Card Offence, the Team Official must move directly away from the playing field and its surrounds including the technical area.
- d) A Team Official who has been expelled from the field of play by the Match Official must serve a Mandatory Match Suspension.

Penalty: Fines may apply to Clubs for Players that accumulate a number of Yellow Card Offences during the Season pursuant to the Competition Operating Regulations.

- e) A Team Official is eligible to participate in a Match the day after the suspension has been served.
- f) If a Team Official is also registered as a Player, or vice versa, Yellow Card Offences will be accumulated together.
- g) Cup Competitions:
 - i. A Team Officials who receives three (3) Yellow Cards during a Cup Competition will be suspended for one (1) Match, the suspension will be served in the next competitive Match in the relevant Cup Competition.
 - ii. All Yellow Cards will be reset at the completion of the Quarter-Finals of a Cup Competition unless the Team Official has received a suspension due to the accumulation of Yellow Cards. If a Team Official receives a suspension due to the accumulation of Yellow Cards, the suspension will be served in the Semi-Final or if the Team Official's team has been knocked out of the Cup Competition, in the next competitive Match in a Cup Competition.
 - iii. All Yellow Cards will be reset at the conclusion of the Cup Competition.

Penalty: Fines may apply as outlined in the Competition Operating Regulations to Clubs for Team Officials that accumulate the number of Yellow Card Offences during the Season or Cup Competition (as the case may be) in breach of this Regulation.

18. MANDATORY MATCH SUSPENSIONS FOR RED CARDS OFFENCES

Table of Offences – Red Cards

Code	Description
R1	Serious foul play
R2	Violent conduct
R3	Spitting at an opponent or any other person
R4	Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goal-keeper within his own penalty area)
R5	Denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal
R6	Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures
R7	Receiving a second caution in the same match

- a) A Player that commits a Red Card Offence must serve a suspension in accordance with the National Disciplinary Regulations and these Regulations. For avoidance of doubt any suspension incurred pursuant to a Red Card Offence must be served in the next competitive Match that the Player's team participates regardless of the Competition in which the Red Card Offence was committed.

- b) A Player must serve the relevant Mandatory Match Suspension when they accumulate a number of Red Card Offences during the course of a Competition as follows:

1st occasion	equates to a one (1) Mandatory Match Suspension
2nd occasion	equates to a two (2) Mandatory Match suspension
3rd occasion	equates to a three (3) Mandatory Match Suspension
4th occasion	equates to a four (4) Mandatory Match Suspension

Penalty: Fines may apply to Clubs for Players that accumulate a number of Red Card Offences during the Season pursuant to the Competition Operating Regulations.

- c) A Club or Player may only appeal a Red Card Offence that has been issued to a Player in accordance with 8.3 and 8.4 of these Regulations.
- d) The Competition Administrator shall send a Disciplinary Infringement Notice notifying the relevant Club of the Participant's Mandatory Match Suspension as soon as possible following the relevant Match.
- e) If a suspension is to be served in terms of Matches, only those Matches actually played count towards the suspension being served. If a Match is abandoned, cancelled or forfeited, a suspension is only considered to be served if the team to which the suspended player belongs is not responsible for the fact that led to the abandonment, cancellation or forfeiture of the Match.
- f) A Player is eligible to play in a Match the day after the suspension has been served.

19. SERVING A MATCH SUSPENSION

- a) The imposition of a Mandatory Match Suspension is immediate.
- b) A Participant who receives a Match suspension for a Red Card Offence committed in a Friendly, must serve that suspension in the next Friendly. A Player who receives a Match suspension in addition to a Mandatory Match Suspension for an Offence that occurs in a Friendly may be required by the CMC or Disciplinary and Ethics Committee to serve some or all of the suspension in the next official Match(es) in which their Club participates rather than the next Friendly.
- c) Subject to the National Disciplinary Regulations and these Regulations, serving a suspension or if ineligible to participate, a Participant may not:
- on the day a Match is being conducted, enter the field of play, the surrounds of the field of play, the Technical Area, the players' race, the dressing rooms or any other place within a Venue where Participants are likely to assemble to prepare for that Match;
 - if attending a Match, be seated in a venue area normally reserved for Participants; and
 - Football SA in its sole and absolute discretion may impose further disciplinary sanctions on a Participant for breaching or otherwise failing to comply with the terms of a sanction imposed by Football SA or a Judicial Body in accordance with these Regulations.
- d) The scope and implementation of disciplinary sanctions which may be imposed by Football SA is as specified in Part D of Schedule 1 to these Regulations.
- e) If Football SA elects to impose further disciplinary sanctions on a Participant pursuant to Regulation 19(b) above, it must provide the Participant with:

- i. a notice containing particulars of the alleged breach; and
 - ii. an opportunity to show cause as to why further disciplinary sanctions should not be imposed.
- f) If the Participant wishes to show cause as to why further disciplinary sanctions should not be imposed pursuant to Regulation 19(b) above, he/she must do so by the time and in the form specified in the notice provided by Football SA.
- g) If a Participant disputes a decision made by Football SA, or sanction imposed by Football SA on a Participant pursuant to Regulation 19, that party may appeal in accordance with these Regulations provided that it does so in writing within seven (7) business days of notice of the sanction.

20. FAILURE TO RESPECT A DETERMINATION

- a) Subject only to the rights of appeal specified in these Regulations, a Determination of a Judicial Body is final and binding on all parties. The parties undertake to carry out the Determination without delay.
- b) A failure to comply with a written decision of Football SA or a Determination of a Judicial Body within the manner or time as prescribed by that Determination is a breach of this regulation and Football SA may after giving the non-compliant party an opportunity to show cause, and impose sanctions as required.
- c) Without limiting the generality of Regulation 19(b), any party who fails to pay another person a sum of money in full as required by a Determination may be (without limitation):
 - i. sanctioned by Football SA with a fine for failing to comply with the instructions issued by a Judicial Body;
 - ii. given a final time limit by Football SA in which to settle the debt; and
 - iii. if it is a Club, sanctioned with a deduction of competition points if it has not paid by the final time limit.
- d) If competition points are deducted, they must be proportionate to the amount owed.

21. FOOTBALL SA AND JUDICIAL BODY PANEL MEMBER IMMUNITY

- a) The parties, and their respective witnesses and experts and all other persons taking part in any proceedings relating to a Hearing, agree to not institute or maintain any proceedings, or bring any claim of any nature whatsoever against Football SA, the Judicial Body or a Panel Member (past or present) in respect of any act or omission during the course of any proceedings in relation to a Hearing, or arising out of any Determination or Determination on appeal or findings made or otherwise.
- b) Each party and their respective witnesses and experts and all other persons taking part in any proceedings relating to a Hearing (**Indemnifiers**) indemnify Football SA, the Judicial Body and Panel Members (past or present) (**Indemnified Persons**) in relation to any loss or damage of any nature whatsoever sustained by the Indemnified Persons as a result any proceedings or claim of any nature whatsoever brought against the Indemnified Persons by any related party of that Indemnifier.
- c) All witnesses and experts of parties and all other persons taking part in any proceedings

relating to a Hearing agree to be bound by these Regulations.

22. SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE

None of the below will be invalidated for any defect whether of substance or of form or by reason of non-compliance with any term of these Regulations:

- a) any Referee's Report, Match Official Report, Match Commissioner Report or Incident Report;
- b) any proceedings before a Judicial Body;
- c) any Determination of a Judicial Body;
- d) any determination made by the Competition Management Committee;
- e) any notice issued by Football SA including a Disciplinary Notice.

23. APPLICABLE LAW

The law as applicable in South Australia must be applied to a dispute or hearing determined in accordance with these Regulations.

SCHEDULE 1: TABLE OF OFFENCES

TABLE A: OFFENCES BY PLAYERS¹

OFFENCE CODE		OFFENCE DESCRIPTION	GRADING GUIDELINES	INCIDENCE	PARTICIPANT SANCTION	
Red Card	GRADING				SUSPENSION (Minimum)	SUSPENSION (Maximum)
R1	01-01	Serious foul play <i>(Typically, but not limited to, tackles or challenges on an opponent with the ball)</i>	Serious foul play tackle or challenge	First	MMS	8 Matches
	01-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 1 Match	
	02-01		Tackle from behind that endangers the safety of an opponent.	First	MMS + 1 Match	8 Matches
	02-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 2 Matches	
	03-01		Two footed challenge.	First	MMS + 1 Match	12 Matches
	03-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 2 Matches	
	04-01		Jumping into a tackle with one or both feet off the ground.	First	MMS + 1 Match	12 Matches
	04-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 2 Matches	
R2	01-01	Violent conduct <i>(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)</i>	Unsporting Conduct.	First	MMS	24 months
	01-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 1 Match	
	02-01		Violent conduct when not challenging for the ball.	First	MMS + 1 Match	24 months
	02-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 2 Matches	
	03-01		Slapping an opponent	First	MMS + 1 Match	8 Matches
	03-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 2 Matches	
	04-01		Head Butting	First	MMS + 1 Match	8 Matches
	04-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 2 Matches	
	05-01		Elbowing or punching not to the head	First	MMS + 1 Match	8 Matches
	05-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 2 Matches	
	06-01		Elbowing or punching to the head	First	MMS + 2 Matches	Life
	06-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 4 Matches	
	07-01		Kicking	First	MMS + 1 Match	8 Fixtures
	07-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 2 Matches	

	08-01		Stomping	First	MMS + 3 Matches	Life
	08-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 5 Matches	
	09-01		Premeditated violent conduct	First	MMS + 4 Matches	24 months
	09-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 6 Matches	
	10-01		Serious violent conduct that has caused bodily harm or responsibility for a Melee (Grade 2)	First	MMS + 9 Matches	24 months
	10-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 12 Matches	
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 Matches	6 Matches
	01-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 4 Matches	
	02-01		Spitting at or towards an opponent or any other person	First	MMS + 5 Matches	12 Matches
	02-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 10 Matches	
	03-01		Spitting on an opponent or any other person	First	MMS + 9 Matches	12 months
	03-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 18 Matches	
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	12 months
	01-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 1 Match	
	02-01		Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures directed at or towards another person	First	MMS	12 months
	02-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 1 Match	
	03-01		Incitement to violence, or repeated use of offensive language and/or gestures directed at or towards another person	First	MMS + 2 Matches	12 months
	03-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 4 Matches	
	04-01		Threatening or intimidating language and/or conduct directed at or towards another person	First	MMS + 1 Matches	12 months
	04-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 2 Matches	
	05-01		Use of discriminatory, homophobic, racist, religious, ethnic or sexist language and/or gestures	First	MMS + 4 Matches	12 months
	05-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 8 Matches	
	06-01		Threat of physical violence directed at or towards another person or their family or property	First	MMS + 4 Matches	12 months
	06-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 8 Matches	

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 Football SA 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	12 months
01-02		Second & subsequent	MMS + 1 Match	
02-01	Disputing a decision of a Match Official, dissent or unsportsmanlike/unprofessional behaviour <i>[R6 for Players]</i>	First	MMS	12 months
02-02		Second & subsequent	MMS + 1 Match	
03-01	Using offensive, insulting or abusive language or gestures in frustration <i>[R6 for Players]</i>	First	MMS + 1 Match	12 months
03-02		Second & subsequent	MMS + 2 Matches	
04-01	Use offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures (isolated incident) <i>[R6 for Players]</i>	First	MMS + 1 Match	12 months
04-02		Second & subsequent	MMS + 2 Matches	
05-01	Use offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures (repeated and/or excessive conduct) <i>[R6 for Players]</i>	First	MMS + 2 Matches	12 months
05-02		Second & subsequent	MMS + 4 Matches	
06-01	Indecent gestures (repeated and/or excessive) <i>[R6 for Players]</i>	First	MMS + 5 Matches	12 months
06-02		Second & subsequent	MMS + 10 Matches	
07-01	Provocation or incitement of hatred or violence <i>[R6 for Players]</i>	First	MMS + 8 Matches	24 months
07-02		Second & subsequent	MMS + 12 Matches	
08-01	Use of discriminatory, homophobic, racist, religious, ethnic or sexist language and/or gestures <i>[R6 for Players]</i>	First	MMS + 4 Matches	24 months
08-02		Second & subsequent	MMS + 8 Matches	
09-01	Threatening or intimidating language or conduct towards a Match Official <i>[R6 for Players]</i>	First	MMS + 11 Matches	Life
09-02		Second & subsequent	MMS + 15 Matches	
10-01	Threat of physical violence towards a Match Official or their family or property <i>[R6 for Players]</i>	First	12 months	Life
10-02		Second & subsequent	2 years	

11-01	Inappropriate contact with a Match Official <i>[R2 for Players]</i>	First	MMS + 1 Match	24 months
11-02		Second & subsequent	MMS + 2 Matches	
12-01	Pushing a Match Official <i>[R2 for Players]</i>	First	6 months	Life
12-02		Second & subsequent	12 months	
13-01	Tripping a Match Official <i>[R2 for Players]</i>	First	6 months	Life
13-02		Second & subsequent	12 months	
14-01	Striking a Match Official with a ball or other object <i>[R2 for Players]</i>	First	12 months	Life
14-02		Second & subsequent	2 years	
15-01	Punching, kicking, elbowing or striking a Match Official <i>[R2 for Players]</i>	First	2 years	Life
15-02		Second & subsequent	4 years	
16-01	Causing spittle to land on a Match Official (e.g. by “blowing a raspberry”) <i>[R3 for Players]</i>	First	6 months	Life
16-02		Second & subsequent	12 months	
17-01	Spitting at or towards a Match Official <i>[R3 for Players]</i>	First	12 months	Life
17-02		Second & subsequent	2 years	
18-01	Spitting on a Match Official <i>[R3 for Players]</i>	First	2 years	Life
18-02		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

¹ A Suspension greater than the applicable Maximum Suspension may be imposed by Football SA or a Body only in Exceptional Circumstances that must be detailed in the Determination.

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	2 Matches	24 months	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
01-02		Second & subsequent	4 Matches			
02-01	Failure to abide by or comply with a reasonable direction of an Official (other than a Match Official) or Football SA employee or representative in relation to conduct and/or behaviour at a Match	First	1 Match	24 months	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
02-02		Second & subsequent	2 Matches			
03-01	Unsportsmanlike or unprofessional behaviour	First	1 Match	24 months	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
03-02		Second & subsequent	2 Matches			
04-01	Failure to provide a safe environment for Participants or to maintain public order at a Match	First	4 Matches / 1 month	24 months	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
04-02		Second & subsequent	8 Matches / 2 months		Such penalty as Football SA 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 SA employee or representative	First	1 Match	24 months	\$250	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)
05-02		Second & subsequent	2 Matches		\$500	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)
06-01	Use offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures (isolated incident)	First	2 Matches	24 months	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
06-02		Second & subsequent	4 Matches / 1 month			
07-01	Use offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures (repeated and/or excessive conduct)	First	2 Matches / 2 weeks	24 months	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
07-02		Second & subsequent	4 Matches / 1 month			
08-01	Indecent gestures	First	2 Matches / 2 weeks	24 months	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
08-02		Second & subsequent	4 Matches / 1 month			
09-01	Provocation or incitement of hatred or violence	First	8 Matches / 2 months	24 months	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
09-02		Second & subsequent	12 Matches / 3 months			
10-01	Use of discriminatory, homophobic, racist, religious, ethnic or sexist language and/or gestures	First	8 Matches / 2 months	24 months	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
10-02		Second & subsequent	12 Matches / 3 months			
11-01	Participating in a Melee (Grade 1)	First	4 Matches / 1 month	24 months	\$500	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)
11-02		Second & subsequent	12 Matches / 3 months		\$1,000	
12-01	Instigator of a Melee (Grade 1)	First	8 Matches / 2 months	24 months	\$500	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)
12-02		Second & subsequent	16 Matches / 4 months		\$1,000	
13-01	Participating in a Melee (Grade 2)	First	12 Matches / 3 months	Life	\$500	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)
13-02		Second & subsequent	20 Matches / 5 months		\$1,000	

OFFENCE CODE	OFFENCE DESCRIPTION	INCIDENCE	PARTICIPANT SANCTION		CLUB SANCTION	
			SUSPENSION (Minimum)	SUSPENSION (Maximum)	FINE \$ (Minimum)	OTHER (Minimum)
14-01	Instigator of a Melee (Grade 2)	First	16 Matches / 4 months	Life	\$1,000	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)
14-02		Second & subsequent	32 Matches / 8 months		\$2,000	Loss of 3 competition points
15-01	Assault/striking	First	8 Matches / 2 months	Life	\$500	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)
15-02		Second & subsequent	16 Matches / 4 months		\$1,000	
16-01	Violent conduct	First	12 Matches / 3 months	Life	\$500	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)
16-02		Second & subsequent	24 Matches / 6 months		\$1,000	
17-01	Serious violent conduct (including, but not limited to, spitting at or on a Player, Spectator, Club Official, Team Official or Football SA employee or representative)	First	12 months	Life	\$500	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)
17-02		Second & subsequent	2 years		\$1,000	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)
18-01	Damaging property/equipment	First	2 Matches	24 months	\$500	Cost of repair/replace property & equipment
18-02		Second & subsequent	8 Matches / 2 months		\$1,000	Cost of repair/replace property & equipment
19-01	Contempt against a Body	First	4 Matches / 1 month	5 years	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
19-02		Second & subsequent	8 Matches / 2 months			
20-01	Breach of the prohibition on dual registration (as per article 6.13 of the FA National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations)	First	8 Matches / 2 months	24 months	\$500	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)
20-02		Second & subsequent	12 Matches / 3 months		\$1,000	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)
21-01	Breach of Football SA Rules and Regulations or FA 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 Football SA or the Tribunal determines		Any penalty or sanction prescribed by the relevant rules and regulations and, if none, such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines	
21-02		Second & subsequent				
22-01	Possessing a Prohibited Item at a Match, Match or Football SA event	First	1 year	Life	\$500	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)
22-02		Second & subsequent	2 years		\$1,000	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)
23-01	Throwing missiles including, but not limited to, on to the Field of Play or at other Spectators	First	2 years	Life	\$500	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)
23-02		Second & subsequent	5 years		\$1,000	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)
24-01	Display, or attempt to display, within a stadium, venue, ground or centre any offensive or inappropriate banners (whether in English or a foreign language) or any other sign, flag, emblem or insignia which may vilify a person on the basis of their age, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, ability, race, colour, religion, language, politics, national or ethnic origin or which may offend or incite hatred or violence, as determined by Football SA.	First	2 years	Life	\$1,000	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)
24-02		Second & subsequent	5 years		\$2,000	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)
25-01	Letting off incendiary device(s) or fire(s)	First	2 years	Life	Perpetrator successfully prosecuted = Warning Perpetrator not successfully prosecuted = \$1000 fine	
25-02		Second	5 years		Perpetrator successfully prosecuted = \$1000 fine Perpetrator not successfully prosecuted = \$2,500 fine	
25-03		Third & subsequent	5 years		Perpetrator successfully prosecuted = \$2,500 fine + loss of 3 competition points Perpetrator not successfully prosecuted = \$5,000 fine + loss of 3 competition points	
26-01	Group of Spectators uttering insulting words or sounds	First	6 months	5 years	\$1,000	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)
26-02		Second & subsequent	12 months		\$2,000	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)

OFFENCE CODE	OFFENCE DESCRIPTION	INCIDENCE	PARTICIPANT SANCTION		CLUB SANCTION	
			SUSPENSION (Minimum)	SUSPENSION (Maximum)	FINE \$ (Minimum)	OTHER (Minimum)
27-01	Breach of a Suspension, Notice of Suspension or Determination	First	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines but no less than what is prescribed in the Football SA Competition Regulations		Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines	
27-02		Second & subsequent				
28-01	Betting, match-fixing or corruption (as per clause 2 of the FA National Code of Conduct and Ethics)	First	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
28-02		Second & subsequent				
29-01	Breach of the FA Privacy Policy or any privacy policy applicable to a Member's collection, use and disclosure of personal information	First	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
29-02		Second & subsequent				
30-01	Bringing the game into disrepute	First	6 Matches	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
30-02		Second & subsequent	12 Matches			
31-01	Detrimental Public Comment (including Media and Social Media)	First	Warning	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
31-02	<i>Including but not limited to, comments that: i. denigrate or criticise Football SA (including any of its staff and Board), FA or any of their commercial partners; ii. denigrate or criticise another Member, whether in relation to incidents that have occurred in a Match/Match 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 SA or a matter or hearing before a Body; v. criticise the outcome of a Football SA 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</i>	Second & subsequent	2 Matches / 2 Weeks			
32-01	Other action or behaviour in breach the FA National Code of Conduct and Ethics, the FA National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations, the FA Spectator Code of Behaviour, the FA Integrity Framework and/or the FA Member Protection Framework not identified elsewhere in this Table	First	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
32-02		Second & subsequent				
33-01	Threatening or intimidating language or conduct towards an individual	First	MMS + 7 Matches	24 months	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
33-02		Second & subsequent	MMS + 10 Matches			
34-01	Threat of physical violence towards an individual or their family or property	First	6 months	24 months	Such penalty as Football SA 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 SA or a Body	First	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
35-02		Second & subsequent				
36-01	Interfering with, or delaying the restart of, play	First	1 Match	24 months	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
36-02		Second & subsequent	2 Matches			
37-01	Failure to comply with section 19 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 Match	24 months	\$250	Such penalty as Football SA or the Tribunal determines (if any)
37-02		Second & subsequent	2 Matches		\$500	

OFFENCE CODE	OFFENCE DESCRIPTION	INCIDENCE	PARTICIPANT SANCTION		CLUB SANCTION	
			SUSPENSION (Minimum)	SUSPENSION (Maximum)	FINE \$ (Minimum)	OTHER (Minimum)
39-01	Illegal Training Activities	First	Warning	24 months	Warning	
39-02		Second & subsequent	2 Matches		\$1,000 fine	

* The offences set out in Tables B and C are not exhaustive.

Table C sets out the Minimum and Maximum Sanctions that may be imposed by Football SA or a Tribunal for the offences set out in that Table. Football SA 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) Match 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 Football SA or Body, as the case may be, otherwise.

TABLE D: SANCTIONS IMPOSED BY A BODY OR FOOTBALL SA

Number	Type of sanction, order or measure
1	a warning, caution or reprimand
2	a suspended sanction but subject to section 8.1(c) Error! Reference source not found.
3	a fine, bond or costs
4	a deduction or loss of competition points or a ban on accruing competition points for a specified period of time or number of Matches or Matches
5	a ban on the registration or transfer of Players for a specified period of time
6	ban on registration of Participant with any Club for a specified period of time
7	replaying of a Match
8	termination of registration or playing contract
9	annulment of registration of a Participant
10	suspension from participation in a Match or Match
11	exclusion, suspension or expulsion from a Competition, Event, Tournament or Competition
12	a ban on playing in a particular stadium, venue, ground or centre
13	full or partial closure of a stadium, venue, ground or centre
14	order to play a Match without spectators or on neutral territory
15	annulment of the result of any Match or forfeiture of any Match
16	relegation to a lower division
17	the return of an award
18	a ban from the dressing rooms and/or the substitutes' bench
19	a ban from entering any stadium, venue, ground or centre
20	a ban on taking part in any or all Football Related Activity
21	the cost to Football SA of providing security at a stadium, venue, ground or centre for a specified period of time or number of Matches or Matches
22	the successful completion of a referee's course and/or the requirement to officiate a number of matches
23	the compulsory attendance at a course(s) of education or rehabilitation (for example, an anger management course)
24	order to repair, or pay the cost of the repair (or replacement), of property or equipment

25	such other disciplinary sanctions or measures as are appropriate in all the circumstances, including as prescribed in the FIFA Statutes, FA Rules and Regulations and Football SA Rules and Regulations.
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