

**PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF DETERMINATION.**  
23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

**Reference is made to the following Tribunal:**

<b>1. Date of the Tribunal</b>	<b>21st November 2018</b>
<b>2. Tribunal that heard the case</b>	<b>General Purpose Tribunal (GPT)</b>
<b>3. Tribunal reference number</b>	<b>18/75</b>
<b>4. Tribunal Members</b>	<b>David LEWIS (Chair), Mendo CKLAMOVSKI Louis FAYD'HERBE</b>
<b>5. Venue of Tribunal</b>	<b>FNSW Committee Room</b>
<b>6. Time of Tribunal</b>	<b>8.30pm</b>
<b>7. Respondent</b>	<b>JESSICA BEALE Sydney City Eagles</b>

**This document constitutes a Preliminary Notice of Determination resulting from the Tribunal listed above.**

Charges against the **Respondent** under Sections 9.2 and 16.4(d) of Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations 2018 for alleged breaches of the Regulations and the FFA Code of Conduct related to incidents during the Futsal Premier Leagues 2 (FPL2) Open Women's match between West City Crusaders FC and Sydney City Eagles on 3 November 2018 at Hawkesbury Indoor Stadium.

## Summation of the Tribunal:

**The Tribunal found that the evidence and admissions:**

**Did NOT support the Charge** brought against the Respondent.

## Determination of the Tribunal:

During the Futsal Premier Leagues 2 (**FPL2**) Open Women's match between West City Crusaders FC and Sydney City Eagles on 3 November 2018 at Hawkesbury Indoor Stadium, Jessica Beale of Sydney City Eagles (the **Respondent**), was alleged to have punched and grabbed the hair of an opposition player (Montana Bolzan).

The Respondent pleaded NOT GUILTY to the Charge.

The Tribunal found that:

- A. There was considerable inconsistency in the evidence available from the referees; and
- B. It was most likely that the Number 6 from Sydney City Eagles was the player who threw punches as the Respondent was most likely behind Ms King (Number 14 from West City Crusaders) the player who was injured in the fight; and
- C. Ms Montana Bolzan was not the player who was punched or grabbed; and
- D. Ms Dione King (co-Respondent from West City Crusaders) gave evidence that the Respondent was the one who pulled her out of the vulnerable position in which she found herself during the fight; and
- E. Notwithstanding the above, there **was** a fight between the two teams at the conclusion of the match although on the evidence available it was unclear who had punched who.
- F. The Tribunal was satisfied that the Respondent did not punch or grab the hair of the player alleged in the Charge.
- G. The Respondent did involve herself in a fight and was correctly issued with a Red Card for her involvement and escalation of the fight.

<b>Sanctions Imposed</b>
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As the Respondent has served a three (3) match suspension, no further sanctions were imposed.
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<b>Fines Imposed</b>
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NIL.
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<b>Bonds Imposed</b>
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Nil.
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<b>Additional Matters and Fees as per the Notice of Costs:</b>
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The Respondent's Club is to pay the costs of the Tribunal process as assessed by Football NSW.
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A full written Determination will not be produced.
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**Aggrieved parties to a determination of the FNSW General Purposes Tribunal may lodge an appeal to the FNSW Appeals Tribunal in accordance with sections 9.6 and 10 of the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations. Any appeal must be submitted on the Notice of Appeal form (Prescribed Form 12) to [tribunal@footballnsw.com.au](mailto:tribunal@footballnsw.com.au) with the relevant Application Fee within 7 days of the Final Determination of the GPT being sent to the Respondent.**



**David P. Lewis  
Chairman  
GENERAL PURPOSES TRIBUNAL**