

GPT NOTICE OF DETERMINATION.

Proceeding under section 9.2 of the
FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations

Proceeding Details:

Tribunal reference	MGPT 17-43
Date of hearing	1 June 2017
Time of hearing	6:30pm
Venue of hearing	Football NSW
Tribunal Member(s)	Mendo CKLAMOVSKI
Respondent	Yianni TSATTALIOS (FFA No: 54213046)
Fixture	National Premier League Youth (NPL) under 16s match between Western Sydney Wanderers FC and Rockdale City Suns FC on 20 May 2017 at Ilinden Sports Centre.

This Notice constitutes the General Purposes Tribunal's Determination resulting from the Tribunal hearing listed above.

Charge(s) and Determination(s):

Charge(s)	Tribunal determination
<p>1. The Respondent (Yianni Tsattalios) disputed a decision of a Match Official or showed dissent in breach of section 16.4(d), Schedule 3, Table B, Offence Code 02-01 of the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations 2017 (Regulations).</p>	<p>1. <u><i>Plea:</i></u> Not Guilty. <u><i>Finding:</i></u> Guilty <u><i>Determination:</i></u> One (1) Fixture suspension</p> <p><u><i>Reasons:</i></u> <i>The GPT was satisfied that there was sufficient evidence provided by the Match Officials to show that the Respondent was in fact questioning the Referee's decision as opposed to merely seeking clarification. The Match Officials reinforced this point when questioned by the GPT and stated that both the Respondent's tone and manner suggested the Respondent was questioning the Referee's authority. The GPT noted that while the intervention of the Rockdale Official may not have resolved the issue, the fact that he thought an intervention was necessary would add to the belief that the questioning of the Match Officials was inappropriate.</i></p>

<p>2. The Respondent failed to abide by or comply with a direction of a Match Official in breach of section 16.4(d), Schedule 3, Table B, Offence Code 01-01 of the Regulations.</p>	<p><u>Plea:</u> Not Guilty. <u>Finding:</u> Guilty</p> <p><u>Determination:</u></p> <p>One (1) Fixture suspension</p> <p><u>Reasons:</u> <i>The GPT accepted the evidence supplied by the Match Officials, and partly acknowledged by the Respondent, that the Match Referee did in fact ask the Respondent to leave the referee's room on at least four occasions. The Respondent's intention may have been to seek clarification however it is clear he did not follow the direction of the Match Official.</i></p>
<p>3. The Respondent disputed a decision of a Match Official or showed dissent in breach of section 16.4(d), Schedule 3, Table B, Offence Code 02-01 of the Regulations.</p>	<p><u>Plea:</u> Not Guilty. <u>Finding:</u> Guilty</p> <p><u>Determination:</u></p> <p>One (1) Fixture suspension</p> <p><u>Reasons:</u> <i>The GPT was satisfied that the use of the word "robbed" by the Respondent when speaking to the Match Officials is a clear sign of dissent. While the respondent explained that he was trying to get clarification of the ruling to convey this to his players, saying his team was "robbed" by the Referee can only be interpreted as a sign of dissent especially in the context of the Respondent appearing upset as per the Match Officials' responses. The respondent acknowledged that the use of the word, in hindsight, was inappropriate.</i></p> <p><i>The GPT, in giving the minimum sanction for each offence, accepted that the Respondent's main motivation was to seek clarification. However, by continuing to question the Referee after being asked several times to leave, he was clearly in breach of the Regulations.</i></p>
<p>Serving of Suspension:</p> <p><u>The sanctions in Charges 1, 2 and 3 are to be served consecutively such that the Respondent is required to serve a total suspension of Three (3) Fixtures.</u></p>	

NB. The Respondent is to serve the suspension as a Team Official and in accordance with section 15.6 of the Regulations, in particular, sub-sections 15.6(h) and (i) which provide that, on the day of a Fixture, the Respondent must not:

- a. enter the field of play (or court), its surrounds, the technical area, players race, dressing rooms or any other place within a stadium, venue, ground or Centre where players and/or officials are likely to assemble to prepare for a match;
- b. be seated in an area in a stadium, venue, ground or Centre normally reserved for players and/or officials; and
- c. in the case of coach, must not engage or attempt to engage a third party to relay coaching instructions.

Costs:

The Tribunal determined that the costs of the Tribunal, as determined by FNSW, be met by the Respondent.

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 10.2 of the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations. Any appeal must be submitted by completing the online Notice of Appeal form (Prescribed Form 12 – available on the FNSW website or by clicking [here](#)) and lodging the relevant Application Fee (\$750) within 7 working days of this determination being issued.

2 June 2017
Mendo Cklamovski
Member
GENERAL PURPOSES TRIBUNAL