

## GPT NOTICE OF DETERMINATION.

Proceeding under section 9.2 of the  
FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations

### Proceeding Details:

<b>Tribunal reference</b>	MGPT 17-44
<b>Date of hearing</b>	20 June 2017
<b>Time of hearing</b>	6:30pm
<b>Venue of hearing</b>	Football NSW
<b>Tribunal Member(s)</b>	Mendo CKLAMOVSKI
<b>Respondent</b>	Michael URUKALO (FFA No: 45161809)
<b>Fixture</b>	National Premier League 1 ( <b>NPL1</b> ) under 20s match between Rockdale City Suns FC and APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC on 21 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):

<b>Charge(s)</b>	<b>Tribunal determination</b>
<p>1. The Respondent (<b>Michael Urukalo</b>) 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 (<b>Regulations</b>).</p>	<p>1. <u>Plea</u>: Not Guilty <u>Finding</u>: Guilty <u>Determination</u>: <b>One (1) Fixture suspension</b> <u>Reasons</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 decisions and ability to control the match. The Assistant Referee reinforced this point when questioned by the GPT and the Referee confirmed he was advised of this behavior prior to the coach being sent off. There was also a partial acknowledgement by the Respondent.</i></p>
<p>2. The Respondent used threatening or intimidating language or conduct towards a Match Official in breach of section 16.4(d), Schedule 3, Table B, Offence Code 09-01 of the Regulations.</p>	<p><u>Plea</u>: Not Guilty <u>Finding</u>: Not Guilty <u>Determination</u>: <b>No sanction</b> <u>Reasons</u>: <i>The GPT was satisfied, based on the evidence provided, that there was no threatening or intimidating language directed to the Match Officials.</i></p>

	<p><i>The Assistant Referee who was the person making the allegation acknowledged that he was unsure of the exact words used and his proximity to the Respondent and was such that any comments made could have been directed to the home bench.</i></p>
<p><b>3.</b> The Respondent used offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures at or towards a Match Official in breach of section 16.4(d), Schedule 3, Table B, Offence Code 04-01 of the Regulations.</p>	<p><u>Plea:</u> Not Guilty <u>Finding:</u> Guilty</p> <p><u>Determination:</u></p> <p><b>Five (5) Fixture suspension</b></p> <p><u>Reasons:</u> <i>The GPT was satisfied that the Respondent did use language that is considered abusive based on the strong evidence provided by all three Match Officials and the acknowledgement of the Respondent. While the Respondent claimed he used similar words that were not directed at the Referee, the language used was such that it clearly breached the Regulations.</i></p> <p><i>The GPT determines that the sanctions are to be served concurrently as both offences were considered in the sending off. The total sanction imposed on the Respondent is a <b>Five (5) Fixture suspension.</b></i></p> <p><u>The GPT notes that the Respondent has stood down for one (1) Fixture already so he would need to serve an additional four (4) Fixtures.</u></p>
<p><b>Serving of Suspension:</b></p> <p><u>The sanctions in Charges 1 and 3 are to be served concurrently such that the Respondent is required to serve a total suspension of <b>Five (5) Fixtures.</b></u></p> <p><u>NB. The Respondent is to serve the suspension as an 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:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <u>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;</u></li> <li>b. <u>be seated in an area in a stadium, venue, ground or Centre normally reserved for players and/or officials; and</u></li> </ul>	

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.

**21 June 2017**

Mendo Cklamovski

Member

**GENERAL PURPOSES TRIBUNAL**