



FOOTBALL
NSW

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION.

Proceeding under section 9.2 of the
FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations

Proceeding Details:

Tribunal reference	GPT 22-03
Date of hearing	N/A
Time of hearing	N/A
Venue of hearing	N/A
Tribunal Member(s)	N/A
Respondent	Stewart Montgomery
Location of Incident	N/A

This Notice constitutes the Executive's determination of this matter.

Charge(s) and Determination(s):

Charge(s)	Tribunal determination
1. On 17 March 2022, the Respondent made a comment on a video showing the match highlights of the NPL NSW Men's Round 3 Fixture between Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC and APIA Leichhardt FC at Popondetta Park (Match) which had been posted by Football NSW to the NPL New South Wales Facebook page. The Participant's comment was in relation to the performance of the Match Officials during the Match in breach of Clause 2.6 (a)(i) of the National Code of Conduct and Ethics.	1. <u>Plea</u> : Guilty. <u>Finding</u> : Guilty <u>Determination</u> : Four (4) Fixture Suspension (Two (2) Fixtures of which are to be suspended). If the Respondent is found to be in breach of Clause 2.6 of the National Code of Conduct and Ethics or Schedule 3, Table C, Offence Code 31-01 of the Regulations during the course of the 2022 or 2023 seasons, the Respondent will be required to serve the suspended portion of this Fixture Suspension in addition to any sanctions applicable to the fresh offence/s.

Serving of Suspension:

A Fixture Suspension applies to the Respondent in their capacity in which the Respondent was acting when they committed the Offence giving rise to the Suspension (i.e., coaching).

While serving the Fixture Suspension, the Respondent must not, on the day of a Fixture, act in any manner or role for which they have been suspended.

For the purposes of section 15.6(j) of the 2022 Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations, the Respondent subject to a Fixture Suspension as a Player or Official must not:

- i. enter the Field of Play, its surrounds, the Technical Area, Players' race or dressing rooms;

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. enter any other place within a stadium, venue, ground of Centre where Player and/or Official are likely to assemble; iii. be seated in an area in a stadium, venue, ground or Centre normally reserved for Players and/or Officials; iv. have any contact with a Match Official; v. have any contact with the Host Broadcaster or any other media where the purpose of such contact is for it to be electronically broadcast to the public, including (but not limited to) participating in any post-match press conference and participating in television or radio interviews; vi. participate in any Football NSW awards presentation or ceremony; vii. attending any function or even coordinated, conducted or sanctioned by Football NSW; and viii. in the case of a coach, must also not: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. provide or attempt to provide coaching instructions prior to the Match, during the Match, at half-time and/or after the Match; or b. engage or attempt to engage a third party to relay coaching instructions prior to the Match, during the Match, at half-time and/or after the Match.
<p>Costs: N/A</p>

The Respondent has accepted the determination in lieu of proceeding to a hearing and, in so doing, has waived any right of appeal.

Date Issued: 6 April 2022