GPT NOTICE OF DETERMINATION.



Proceeding under section 8.5 of the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations

Proceeding Details:

Tribunal reference	MGPT 16-60	
Date of hearing	1 September 2016	
Time of hearing	6:30pm	
Venue of hearing	FNSW	
Tribunal Member(s)	Mendo CKLAMOVSKI	
Respondent	Stelianos GEORGIOU (FFA: 76244029)	
Fixture	National Premier League 3 (NPL3) 1 st Grade match Balmain Tigers FC v Dulwich Hill FC on 21 August 2016 at Wentworth Park.	

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
 The Respondent (Stelianos Georgiou) failed to follow any reasonable direction of an Official or Football NSW employee or representative in relation to conduct and/or behaviour at a Match in breach of section 15.4(d), Schedule 3, Table C, Number 8 of the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations (Regulations). 	 <u>Plea</u>: Not Guilty. <u>Finding</u>: Guilty <u>Determination</u>: Three (3) Fixture suspension <u>Reasons</u>: The Respondent pleaded Not Guilty even though he acknowledged in his statement that the match official had directed him to stop questioning him before warning the Respondent that he would be sent from the field if he did not cease. The Respondent referenced a previous incident in the match that resulted in the first warning claiming this had affected the sending off. While this may have been the first warning the Tribunal found that the incident that resulted in the sending off stood separately and found that the sending off could have been avoided had the Respondent had followed the direction of the match official.
	The Tribunal acknowledged that there was no swearing or foul language used by the Respondent as verified by the match official. However, the Tribunal found there was sufficient evidence for a finding of Guilty.

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In determining a sanction, the Tribunal took into consideration the Respondent's record, which includes a previous sanction, and the fact that it believes this incident was on the lower end of the scale.
<u>The Respondent is required to serve a suspension</u> of Three (3) Fixtures for the Charge. <u>NB. The suspension is to apply to all football</u> <u>activities.</u>

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 8.8 and 9.2 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 <u>here</u>) and lodging the relevant Application Fee (\$750) within 7 working days of this determination being issued.

2 September 2016 Mendo Cklamovski Member GENERAL PURPOSES TRIBUNAL