



FOOTBALL
NSW

GPT NOTICE OF DETERMINATION.

Proceeding under section 9.2 of the
FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations

Proceeding Details:

Tribunal reference	MGPT 20-02
Date of hearing	N/A
Time of hearing	N/A
Venue of hearing	N/A
Tribunal Member(s)	N/A
Respondent	Benjamin Spruce
Fixture	1st Grade Trial Match between Mounties Wanderers FC and Wollongong United FC on 29 February 2020 at Macedonia Park.

Charge(s) and Determination(s):

Charge(s)	Tribunal determination
1. The Respondent was issued a Red Card for bringing down an opposing player entering the opponent's penalty area from behind with an illegal challenge in breach of section 16.4(d), Table A, R5, Offence Code 01-01 of the Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations (Regulations).	1. <u>Plea</u> : Guilty. <u>Finding</u> : Guilty <u>Determination</u> : One (1) Fixture Suspension (Mandatory Match Suspension)
2. After being issued with the Red Card, the Respondent uttered offensive, insulting or abusive language towards the Match Official in breach of section 16.4(d), Table B, Offence Code 04-01 of the Regulations.	2. <u>Plea</u> : Guilty. <u>Finding</u> : Guilty <u>Determination</u> : Three (3) Fixtures Suspension
Football NSW permits the sanctions in relation to Charges 1 and 2 are to be served wholly concurrently such that the Respondent is required to serve a total suspension of 4 Fixtures . NB. The Respondent is to serve the suspension as a Player and in accordance with section 15.6 of the Regulations, in particular, sub-sections 15.6(h)-(j) which provide that, on the day of a Fixture, the Respondent must <u>not</u> :	

- 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;
- b. be seated in an area in a stadium, venue, ground or Centre normally reserved for players and/or officials;
- c. have any contact with a Match Official;

- *In accordance with section 15.3 of the Regulations, the Club and Club Officials are responsible for ensuring the Respondent correctly and fully serves any Suspension.*
- *A Club and/or Club Official in breach of section 15.3 will be deemed to have committed Misconduct (section 16.4) and the Executive may, in its absolute discretion, take any relevant action pursuant to section 9.2*
- *The Club and Club Officials must list in an appropriate place on a team sheet that the Respondent is serving a Suspension at the time the team sheet is completed.*
- *Failure to do so will result in a fine of \$200 per Participant per match and further sanctions.*

Costs:

N/A

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