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1. INTRODUCTION

- (a) The Regulations are made under paragraph 5 of the Football NSW By-Laws.
- (b) The primary purpose of these regulations is to provide a summary of the provisions necessary for the effective operation of all disciplinary matters for the 2026 Football NSW Association Championships.
- (c) These Regulations are supplementary to the 2026 Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.
- (d) The 2026 Football NSW Association Championships are defined as a 'Tournament' for the purpose of the 2026 Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

2. JURISDICTION

- (a) These Regulations will apply exclusively to facilitate the expeditious and fair resolution of:
 - i. incidents, and disciplinary, dispute and conduct matters in relation to Competitions and Participants registered to Teams participating in Competitions;
 - ii. incidents, and disciplinary and conduct matters involving Participants participating in competitions to which they are not registered; and
 - iii. any matter that the Executive determines, in its absolute discretion, is important to the interests of football in the State, Football NSW or FA.
- (b) All Associations, Teams, Players, Team Officials, Match Officials, spectators or any person participating in any manner at a Match within the 2026 Football NSW Association Championship submits exclusively to the jurisdiction of these Regulations and agrees that until it has exhausted the procedures set out in these Regulations, it will not attempt to resolve any incidents, or disciplinary, dispute and conduct matters by recourse to FA or a court of law.

3. CORRESPONDENCE, PRESCRIBED FORMS AND MATCH OFFICIAL REPORTS

3.1 Correspondence and Prescribed Forms

- (a) All correspondence in relation to any matter under these Regulations must be made electronically using the prescribed forms that can be located on the Football NSW website by clicking [here](#).

3.2 Match Official Reports

- (a) In order to ensure Football NSW provides an efficient service to Members under these Regulations, all Match Officials must submit their Match Official Reports to via Football NSW's digital competition management system as soon as possible, **but no later than two (2) hours after the completion of the relevant Match**. No Determination of Football NSW or a Body will be quashed or held invalid by reason only of the failure of any Match Official(s) to comply with this section 3.2(a).
- (b) Failure to comply with the requirement set out in section 3.2(a) may result in the Match Official being demoted or suspended for one (1) or more Matches, in the absolute discretion of Football NSW.
- (c) Match Official Reports must set out the following to be submitted via Football NSW's digital competition management system:
 - i. any Red Card Offences and/or Expulsion Offences issued during the Match including the categorisation of Offences (set out in a **Match Official Send-Off/Expulsion Report (Prescribed Form 02 - [click here](#))**); and
 - ii. any serious incidents which took place (set out in a **Match Official Incident Report (Prescribed Form 03 - [click here](#))**);
- (d) Match Official Incident Reports should include details concerning any misbehaviour on the part of Players, Spectators, Team Officials and Association Officials.
- (e) For the avoidance of doubt, Football NSW and a Body is not bound by the categorisation of any Offence by a Match Official.
- (f) In order to ensure Football NSW provides a fair and transparent system to Members under these Regulations and to assist the Bodies in arriving at their decisions, in completing Match Official Reports, Match Officials **must**:
 - i. complete their Match Official Report independent of any other Match Officials involved in the Match and of any potential witnesses;
 - ii. as far as reasonably possible, clearly state what they actually saw and/or heard in relation to the incident(s) and clearly distinguish that from what others told them occurred;

- iii. as far as reasonably possible, in respect of words spoken by a Participant, record those in the first person using the words actually spoken; and
- iv. as far as reasonably possible, state how they identified the Participant.

4. MISTAKEN IDENTITY

- (a) If a Participant believes that they have been mistakenly identified on the team sheet by a Match Official as having received a Yellow Card or Red Card or have been mistakenly identified in a Match Official Send-Off/Expulsion Report, the Participant (or their Association) **must** notify Football NSW by submitting the following:

WHAT:

COMPULSORY: a signed statement by the Participant who was reported by the Match Official in any team sheet or Match Official Send-Off/Expulsion Report stating that they were not responsible for the offence and identifying, to the best of their knowledge, the name of the Participant responsible (**Prescribed Form 04** - [click here](#)); **AND**

OPTION 1: a signed statement by the Participant who was responsible for the offence (**Prescribed Form 05** - [click here](#)); **OR**

OPTION 2: a signed statement from the Participant's Association identifying, to the best of its knowledge, the name of the Participant who was responsible for the offence (**Prescribed Form 06** - [click here](#)).

OPTIONAL: any other evidence which may support the claim for mistaken identity including, but not limited to, any video or photo evidence.

WHEN:

No later than one (1) hour after the completion of the match.

HOW:

Submit a completed and signed **Prescribed Form 04** (compulsory) and **Prescribed Form 05** or **Prescribed Form 06, forms are located above.**

- (b) Members should note that the time limit above is strict. Unless exceptional circumstances apply (as determined by the Executive in its absolute discretion), failure to comply within the specified time will result in the Participant listed on the team sheet or Match Official Send-Off/Expulsion Report being deemed responsible for the offence and may be issued a Notice of Suspension. The Participant will also be deemed to have waived their right to challenge under this section.
- (c) After considering the written statements and any other evidence provided, Football NSW will decide whether the claim for mistaken identity should be rejected or upheld.
- (d) If Football NSW rejects a claim for mistaken identity and:
 - i. a Notice of Suspension in relation to the matter has already been issued to the Participant, the original decision set out in the Notice of Suspension continues to apply; or
 - ii. a Notice of Suspension in relation to the matter has **not** already been issued to the Participant, Football NSW will determine the Suspension, and issue a Notice of Suspension to the Participant's Association, (Determination).
- (e) If Football NSW upholds a mistaken identity claim, the Yellow Card or Red Card issued to the original Participant will be expunged and the Notice of Suspension issued (if any) will be rescinded by Football NSW.
- (f) If Football NSW upholds a mistaken identity claim in respect of a Red Card and makes a finding in respect of the identity of the actual offender, Football NSW must determine or re-determine the matter, as the case may be, as if it were dealing with a fresh matter (Determination).
- (g) If Football NSW upholds a mistaken identity claim in respect of a Yellow Card and makes a finding in respect of the identity of the actual offender, the Yellow Card will be attributed to the actual offender who will be required to serve the Suspension (if any) that is triggered as a result of receiving such Yellow Card (including, for example, any Suspension arising from the accumulation of Yellow Cards or the Mandatory Match Suspension for being issued with an R7 Red Card). For the avoidance of doubt, if such Yellow Card would have been the actual offender's first of two Yellow Cards, or second of two Yellow Cards, in a Match, the actual offender is deemed to have received an R7 Red Card in the Match and must serve the applicable Mandatory Match Suspension.
- (h) The process set out above are to apply equally where the claim for mistaken identity is advised to Football NSW by a Match Official, by the opposition Association team, or where it is instigated by Football NSW itself.

5. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

5.1 Challenging a Notice of Suspension (Red Card Offence)

- (a) Notices of Suspension may be challenged to the Disciplinary Committee in accordance with section 8.2 of the 2026 Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

6. MISCONDUCT AND DISREPUTE

- (a) Matters relating to misconduct or disrepute will be dealt with in accordance with section 9.2 of the 2026 Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.
- (b) The Board or the Executive may investigate any matter which in its opinion is relevant to whether or not a charge of Misconduct ought to be laid. Such investigation may be initiated on the basis of a written report or complaint of a Member, a Match Official Report, or on the basis of any other evidence which, in the opinion of the Board or the Executive, is credible.
- (c) Such investigation may be carried out by the Board or the Executive as it sees fit and Members are required to cooperate fully with Football NSW in the conduct of that investigation and must do so within the timeframe specified in any correspondence issued by Football NSW. A Member agrees that any information provided to Football NSW may be used as evidence in bringing a charge under section 9.2 of the 2026 Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations and may be provided to any party so charged.
- (d) For further information refer to section 9.2 of the 2026 Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

7. SERVING OF SUSPENSIONS

7.1 Suspensions to be served immediately

- (a) A Player or Team Official subject to a Fixture/Match Suspension must serve their suspension in the next Fixture/Match for their Team/Association.
- (b) A Player or Team Official issued with a Red Card or Expelled from the Field of Play or Technical Area during a Match is eligible to be a Association Official or Team Official in the Technical Area in a Match scheduled in the same round unless otherwise determined by Football NSW or a Body.

7.2 Associations Responsibility on Suspensions and Team Sheets

- (a) Associations and Team Officials are responsible for ensuring their Participants correctly and fully serve any Suspension.
- (b) Associations and Team Officials must list in an appropriate place on any team sheet any of their Participants serving a Suspension at the time the team sheet is completed.

7.3 Fixture/Match Suspensions

- (a) A Participant the subject of a Fixture/Match Suspension must serve that suspension exclusively in the age grade in which the suspension arose.
- (b) A Participant subject to a Fixture/Match Suspension resulting from or related to this Tournament must serve that Suspension in the next consecutive grassroots, Cup or Tournament Fixture/Match in which the Participant's team plays, whichever occurs first, until the Suspension is served in full
- (c) A Participant subject to a suspension resulting from or related to any grassroots match must serve that suspension in the next consecutive grassroots, Cup or Tournament (including the Australia Cup) Fixture/Match in which the Participant's team plays, whichever occurs first, until the suspension is served in full.
- (a) A Participant subject to a Fixture/Match Suspension whether acting as a Player, Official (whether Team Official or Association Official, or both), or any other capacity, **must not**, for the duration of a Fixture/Match:
 - i. enter the Field of Play, its surrounds, the Technical Area, Players' race or dressing rooms;
 - ii. enter any other place within a stadium, venue, ground or Centre where Players and/or Officials 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 Broadcast Partner 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. attend any function or event coordinated, conducted or sanctioned by Football NSW; and
- viii. in the case of a coach, must also not:
 - 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.

8. ON-FIELD MISCONDUCT

8.1 Yellow Card Offences

- (a) A Yellow Card may be issued by a Match Official to a Participant for the following cautionable offences specified in Law 12 of the Laws of the Game:

Code	Description
Y1	Unsporting behaviour
Y2	Dissent by action or word
Y3	Persistent infringements of the Laws of the Game
Y4	Delaying the restart of play
Y5	Failure to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick or throw-in
Y6	Entering or re-entering the Field of Play without the referee's permission
Y7	Deliberately leaving the Field of Play without the referee's permission

- (b) A Participant who accumulates three (3) Yellow Cards in the group stage of a Tournament, irrespective of the age-grade in which they are received, must serve a Mandatory Match Suspension of one (1) Fixture/Match.
- (c) The Mandatory Match Suspension must be served immediately and in the age-grade in which the third (3rd) Yellow Card was received.
- (d) A Participant who accumulates two (2) Yellow Cards in the finals stage of a Tournament, irrespective of the age-grade in which they are received, must serve a Mandatory Match Suspension of one (1) Fixture/Match. The Mandatory Match Suspension must be served immediately and in the age-grade in which the second (2nd) Yellow Card was received.
- (e) A Mandatory Match Suspension incurred as a result of the accumulation of Yellow Cards pursuant to this section must be served in accordance with section 7.3.
- (f) Yellow Cards received during the group stage of a Tournament do not accumulate through to the finals stage of the Tournament.
- (g) Yellow Cards received during a Tournament that do not result in a Mandatory Match Suspension do not carry over into the next Tournament, grassroots competitions or any other matches or competitions. Mandatory Match Suspensions incurred as a result of the accumulation of Yellow Cards will not, however, be cancelled.

8.2 Red Card Offences

- (a) All Red Card Offences will be dealt with in accordance with section 7 of the 2026 Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.
- (b) Subject to any Suspension issued by Football NSW or any Suspension or other sanction issued by a Body, a Participant who receives a Red Card must immediately serve the Minimum Suspension attributable to the Send Off Code for that Red Card as set out in Schedule 3: Table of Offences, Table A and Table B.
- (c) A Red Card may be issued by a Match Official during a Match against a Participant who engages in any one of the following offences (also set out in Schedule 3: Table of Offences):

Code	Description
R1	Serious foul play
R2	Violent conduct
R3	Spitting at an opponent or any other person
R4	Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within his own penalty area)
R5	Denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the Player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick
R6	Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures
R7	Receiving a second caution in the same match

- (d) If a Participant receives an R7, the Participant must serve a Mandatory Match Suspension of one (1) Fixture/Match and the Association is responsible for ensuring the Participant is immediately stood down for their next Fixture/Match in accordance with section 7 (Serving of Suspensions) and for ensuring that the Participant complies with any other directive imposed by the Executive.
- (e) Football NSW is **not** obliged to issue a Notice of Suspension when a Participant receives an R4, R5 or an R7 (however, Football NSW may, in its sole and absolute discretion issue a Notice of Suspension in circumstances where Red Card Offence engaged in by the Participant is a Second or Subsequent Offence or the Second or Subsequent Red Card accumulated during the Tournament).
- (f) Red Cards issued during an abandoned Match will be upheld regardless of whether the Match is replayed or not.
- (g) A Participant who is issued with a Red Card or Expelled during a Match:
- must proceed directly to the Participant's Association's designated dressing room (if applicable) in the first instance;
 - must not, for the remainder of the Fixture/Match enter the Field of Play, its surrounds or the Technical Area or occupy the Players' race, if applicable;
 - must not, for the remainder of the Fixture/Match, provide or attempt to provide coaching instructions or engage a third party to relay coaching instructions,
 - must not participate in any awards presentation or ceremony that takes place after the Match;
 - must not, until one (1) hour after the conclusion of the Fixture/Match, have contact with:
 - the Broadcast Partner 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 (with the exception of the head coach who will be required to fulfil their media commitments at the conclusion of the Match); or
 - any Match Official involved in the Match.
 - may, if the venue facilitates it, be escorted to a suitable secure area within the venue to observe the remainder of the Fixture/Match. Should the venue not provide access to such an area, it will be at the discretion of the Home Association to determine the most secure place for the Participant to be positioned for the remainder of the Fixture/Match.

8.3 Accumulation of Red Cards

- (a) A Participant who accumulates the following Red Card infringements during the Tournament, will receive the following further sanction:

Number of Red Cards accumulated:	Suspension	In addition:
Two (2) during the Tournament	The Suspension issued in respect of the 2 nd Red Card plus a further Suspension of one (1) Fixture/Match	N/A
Three (3) during the Tournament	The Suspension issued in respect of the 3 rd Red Card plus a further Suspension of two (2) Fixtures/Matches	N/A

Notes: The further Suspension **cannot** be appealed. It must be served immediately after the Suspension issued in respect of the second or subsequent Red Card, in the same age-grade in which that Red Card was received.

8.4 Association/Team responsibility for recording accumulation of Yellow and Red Cards Offences

- (a) It is a Association's or Team's responsibility to keep accurate records of the Yellow and Red Cards received by its Players and Officials regardless of whether a Player or Official accumulated any Yellow or Red Cards while registered with a previous Association or Team.
- (b) It is a Association's or a Team's responsibility to ensure that any Participant who has incurred a Fixture/Match Suspension serves that Fixture/Match Suspension in full.
- (c) A Association or Team in breach of this section will be deemed to have committed Misconduct and the Executive may, in its absolute discretion, take any relevant action against the Association pursuant to section 9.2 of the 2026 Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

8.5 Team Misconduct

- (a) Each Association must ensure that its Participants do not engage in Team Misconduct.
- (b) Team Misconduct in relation to a Association is where, in a Match:
 - i. five (5) or more of its Participants are sanctioned during a Match (including Yellow Cards, Red Cards or Expulsions);
 - ii. three (3) or more of its Participants are issued with a Red Card or Expelled during a Match;
 - iii. its Players and/or Officials collectively show dissent towards a Match Official or collectively seek to intimidate, threaten or exert pressure on a Match Official to make or alter a decision in a Match; or
 - iv. its Participants engage in a Melee (Grade 1 or Grade 2) or brawl in a Match (regardless of whether or not it is possible to identify the instigators).
- (c) Any Association which engages in Team Misconduct will be deemed to have committed Misconduct and the Executive may, in its absolute discretion, take any relevant action against the Association pursuant to section 9.2 of the 2026 Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations (Charges of Misconduct).

8.6 Unregistered Players

- (a) Association teams must not field or list in team sheets unregistered Players, including individuals playing under false or assumed identities, in any Match. Unregistered Players include those Players who are not registered with FA, Football NSW or are not registered for a Competition.
- (b) Any Association which fields or lists unregistered Players will be deemed to have committed Misconduct and the Executive may, in its absolute discretion, take any relevant action against the Association pursuant to section 9.2 of the 2026 Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations. (Charges of Misconduct).

8.7 Ineligible Players

- (a) An Association must not list Ineligible Players in team sheets (electronic and/or paper-format) for any Match.
- (b) An Association must not allow Ineligible Players within the Technical Area and/or Field of Play before, during or after any Match.
- (c) Any Association in breach of this section will be deemed to have committed Misconduct and the Executive may, in its absolute discretion, take any relevant action against the Association pursuant to section 9.2 of the 2026 Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations (Charges of Misconduct).

8.8 Ineligible Team Officials and Association Officials

- (a) An Association Team must not list Ineligible Team Officials or Association Officials in team sheets (electronic and/or paper-format) for any Match.
- (b) An Association Team must not allow Ineligible Team Officials or Association Officials within the Technical Area and/or Field of Play before, during or after any Match.
- (c) An Association Team in breach of this section will be deemed to have committed Misconduct and the Executive may, in its absolute discretion, take any relevant action against the Association pursuant to section 9.2 of the 2026 Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations (Charges of Misconduct).

SCHEDULE 3: TABLE OF OFFENCES

Second or subsequent Offences: Where a Member has been found guilty of an Offence and then commits the same Offence on a second or subsequent occasion within two (2) years of the expiration of the Suspension issued in respect of the previous Offence, the second or subsequent Offence will be considered a Second or subsequent Offence for the purposes of sanctioning under Schedule 3 (except in the case of Offence Code 25 under Table C ("Letting off incendiary device(s) or fire(s)) where the relevant time period is within the same Season rather than within two (2) years).

TABLE A: OFFENCES BY PLAYERS'

OFFENCE CODE		OFFENCE DESCRIPTION	GRADING GUIDELINES	INCIDENCE	PARTICIPANT SANCTION	
Red Card	GRADING				SUSPENSION (Minimum)	SUSPENSION (Maximum)
R1	01-01	Serious foul play <i>(Typically, but not limited to, tackles or challenges on an opponent with the ball)</i>	Serious foul play tackle or challenge	First	MMS	24 months
	01-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 1 Fixture	
	02-01		Attempting to gain possession of the ball using excessive force	First	MMS + 1 Fixture	24 months
	02-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 2 Fixtures/Matches	
	03-01		Conduct that endangers the safety of an opponent in a contest for the ball or has the potential to cause injury	First	MMS + 2 Fixtures/Matches	24 months
	03-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 3 Fixtures/Matches	
	04-01		Conduct causing minor injury	First	MMS +4 Fixtures/Matches	24 months
	04-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 5 Fixtures/Matches	
	05-01		Conduct causing serious injury	First	MMS + 6 Fixtures/Matches	24 months
	05-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 10 Fixtures/Matches	
R2	01-01	Violent conduct <i>(Typically, but not limited to, the use or attempted use of excessive force against an opponent when not challenging for the ball, or against a teammate, Association Official, Team Official, Match Official or Spectator)</i>	Excessive force	First	MMS	24 months
	01-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 1 Fixture	
	02-01		Violent conduct	First	MMS + 3 Fixtures/Matches	24 months
	02-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 5 Fixtures/Matches	
	03-01		Serious and/or premeditated violent conduct	First	MMS + 6 Fixtures/Matches	24 months
	03-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 8 Fixtures/Matches	
	04-01		Serious violent conduct that has caused bodily harm or responsibility for a Melee (Grade 2)	First	MMS + 12 Fixtures/Matches	24 months
	04-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 20 Fixtures/Matches	

R3	01-01	Spitting at an opponent or any other person	Causing spittle to land on an opponent or any other person (e.g. by "blowing a raspberry")	First	MMS +2 Fixtures/Matches	24 months
	01-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 4 Fixtures/Matches	
	02-01		Spitting at or towards an opponent or any other person	First	MMS + 4 Fixtures/Matches	24 months
	02-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 8 Fixtures/Matches	
	03-01		Spitting on an opponent or any other person	First	MMS + 8 Fixtures/Matches	24 months
	03-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 16 Fixtures/Matches	
R4	01-01	Denying goal scoring opportunity	Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (except a goalkeeper within their penalty area)	First	MMS	MMS
	01-02			Second & subsequent	MMS	
R5	01-01	Denying goal scoring opportunity	Denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the opponent's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick	First	MMS	MMS
	01-02			Second & subsequent	MMS	
R6	01-01	Offensive, insulting, abusive or intimidating language and/or gestures	Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures in frustration	First	MMS	24 months
	01-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 1 Fixture	
	02-01		Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures directed at or towards another person	First	MMS + 1 Fixtures/Matches	24 months
	02-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 3 Fixtures/Matches	
	03-01		Incitement to violence, or repeated use of offensive language and/or gestures directed at or towards another person	First	MMS + 4 Fixtures/Matches	24 months
	03-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 8 Fixtures/Matches	
	04-01		Threatening or intimidating language and/or conduct directed at or towards another person	First	MMS + 4 Fixtures/Matches	24 months
	04-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 8 Fixtures/Matches	
	05-01		Use of discriminatory, homophobic, racist, religious, ethnic or sexist language and/or gestures	First	MMS + 6 Fixtures/Matches	24 months
	05-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 14 Fixtures/Matches	
	06-01		Threat of physical violence directed at or towards another person or their family or property	First	MMS + 8 Fixtures/Matches	24 months
	06-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 16 Fixtures/Matches	
R7	01-01	Second caution in the same match	Second Yellow Card in a Match	First	MMS	MMS
	01-02			Second & subsequent	MMS	

¹Where the Offence giving rise to the Red Card was committed against a Match Official, the applicable Minimum and Maximum Suspensions are those set out in Table B.

² A Suspension greater than the applicable Maximum Suspension may be imposed by the Executive or a Body only in Exceptional Circumstances that must be detailed in the Determination.

TABLE B: OFFENCES BY PARTICIPANTS AGAINST MATCH OFFICIALS*

OFFENCE CODE	OFFENCE DESCRIPTION	INCIDENCE	PARTICIPANT SANCTION	
			SUSPENSION <i>(Minimum)</i>	SUSPENSION <i>(Maximum)</i>
01-01	Fail to abide by or comply with a direction of a Match Official	First	MMS	24 months
01-02		Second & subsequent	MMS + 1 Fixture	
02-01	Disputing a decision of a Match Official, engaging in dissent or displaying unsportsmanlike or unprofessional behaviour <i>[R6 for Players]</i>	First	MMS	24 months
02-02		Second & subsequent	MMS + 1 Fixture	
03-01	Using offensive, insulting or abusive language or gestures in frustration <i>[R6 for Players]</i>	First	MMS	24 months
03-02		Second & subsequent	MMS + 2 Fixture	
04-01	Use offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures (isolated incident) <i>[R6 for Players]</i>	First	MMS + 3 Fixtures/Matches	24 months
04-02		Second & subsequent	MMS + 5 Fixtures/Matches	
05-01	Use offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures (repeated and/or excessive conduct) <i>[R6 for Players]</i>	First	MMS + 5 Fixtures/Matches	24 months
05-02		Second & subsequent	MMS + 7 Fixtures/Matches	
06-01	Indecent gestures <i>[R6 for Players]</i>	First	MMS + 6 Fixtures/Matches	24 months
06-02		Second & subsequent	MMS + 10 Fixtures/Matches	
07-01	Provocation or incitement of hatred or violence <i>[R6 for Players]</i>	First	MMS + 8 Fixtures/Matches	24 months
07-02		Second & subsequent	MMS + 12 Fixtures/Matches	
08-01	Use of discriminatory, homophobic, racist, religious, ethnic or sexist language and/or gestures <i>[R6 for Players]</i>	First	MMS + 10 Fixtures/Matches	24 months
08-02		Second & subsequent	MMS + 12 Fixture/Matches	
09-01	Threatening or intimidating language or conduct towards a Match Official <i>[R6 for Players]</i>	First	MMS + 13 Fixture/Matches	24 months
09-02		Second & subsequent	MMS + 17 Fixture/Matches	
10-01	Threat of physical violence towards a Match Official or his/her family or property <i>[R6 for Players]</i>	First	12 months	24 months
10-02		Second & subsequent	2 years	

11-01	Inappropriate contact with a Match Official <i>[R2 for Players]</i>	First	MMS + 5 Fixture/Matches	24 months
11-02		Second & subsequent	MMS + 7 Fixture/Matches	
12-01	Pushing a Match Official <i>[R2 for Players]</i>	First	12 months	Life
12-02		Second & subsequent	2 years	
13-01	Tripping a Match Official <i>[R2 for Players]</i>	First	12 months	Life
13-02		Second & subsequent	2 years	
14-01	Striking a Match Official with a ball or other object <i>[R2 for Players]</i>	First	12 months	Life
14-02		Second & subsequent	2 years	
15-01	Punching, kicking, elbowing or striking a Match Official <i>[R2 for Players]</i>	First	4 years	Life
15-02		Second & subsequent	8 years	
16-01	Causing spittle to land on a Match Official (e.g. by "blowing a raspberry") <i>[R3 for Players]</i>	First	6 months	Life
16-02		Second & subsequent	12 months	
17-01	Spitting at or towards a Match Official <i>[R3 for Players]</i>	First	12 months	Life
17-02		Second & subsequent	2 years	
18-01	Spitting on a Match Official <i>[R3 for Players]</i>	First	2 years	Life
18-02		Second & subsequent	4 years	

*** In respect of Players, Column 2 also references the relevant sending-off offences R1 to R6 under the FIFA Laws of the Game**

¹ A Suspension greater than the applicable Maximum Suspension may be imposed by the Executive or a Body only in Exceptional Circumstances that must be detailed in the Determination.

TABLE C: OTHER OFFENCES BY MEMBERS*

OFFENCE CODE	OFFENCE DESCRIPTION	INCIDENCE	PARTICIPANT SANCTION		ASSOCIATION SANCTION	
			SUSPENSION (Minimum)	SUSPENSION (Maximum)	FINE \$ (Minimum)	OTHER (Minimum)
01-01	Unauthorised entry onto the Field of Play	First	1 Fixture/Match	24 months	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
01-02		Second & subsequent	2 Fixture/Matches			
02-01	Failure to abide by or comply with a reasonable direction of an Official (other than a Match Official) or Football NSW employee or representative in relation to conduct and/or behaviour at a Match	First	1 Fixture/Match	24 months	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
02-02		Second & subsequent	2 Fixtures/Matches			
03-01	Unsportsmanlike or unprofessional behaviour	First	2 Fixtures/Matches	24 months	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
03-02		Second & subsequent	4 Fixtures/Matches/ 1 month			
04-01	Failure to provide a safe environment for Participants or to maintain public order at a Match	First	4 Fixtures/Matches/ 1 month	24 months	\$1,000	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines (if any)
04-02		Second & subsequent	8 Fixtures/Matches/ 2 months		\$2,000	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines (if any)
05-01	Failure to provide identifying details of an individual when reasonably requested to do so by a Match Official or Football NSW employee or representative	First	1 Fixture	24 months	\$1,000	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines (if any)
05-02		Second & subsequent	2 Fixtures/Matches		\$2,000	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines (if any)
06-01	Use offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures (isolated incident)	First	2 Fixtures/Matches	24 months	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
06-02		Second & subsequent	4 Fixtures/Matches / 1 month			
07-01	Use offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures (repeated and/or excessive conduct)	First	4 Fixtures/Matches/ 1 month	24 months	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
07-02		Second & subsequent	8 Fixtures/Matches / 2 months			
08-01	Indecent gestures	First	4 Fixtures/Matches / 1 month	24 months	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
08-02		Second & subsequent	8 Fixtures/Matches / 2 months			
09-01	Provocation or incitement of hatred or violence	First	8 Fixtures/Matches/ 2 months	24 months	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
09-02		Second & subsequent	12 Fixtures/Matches/ 3 months			
10-01	Use of discriminatory, homophobic, racist, religious, ethnic or sexist language and/or gestures	First	8 Fixtures/Matches/ 2 months	24 months	\$1,000	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines (if any)
10-02		Second & subsequent	12 Fixtures/Matches / 3 months		\$2,000	
11-01	Participating in a Melee (Grade 1)	First	4 Fixtures/Matches / 1 month	24 months	\$1,000	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines (if any)
11-02		Second & subsequent	12 Fixtures/Matches / 3 months		\$2,000	
12-01	Instigator of a Melee (Grade 1)	First	8 Fixtures/Matches / 2 months	24 months	\$2,000	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines (if any)
12-02		Second & subsequent	16 Fixtures/Matches / 4 months		\$4,000	
13-01	Participating in a Melee (Grade 2)	First	12 Fixtures/Matches / 3 months	Life	\$2,000	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines (if any)
13-02		Second & subsequent	20 Fixtures/Matches / 5 months		\$4,000	

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			SUSPENSION <i>(Minimum)</i>	SUSPENSION <i>(Maximum)</i>	FINE \$ <i>(Minimum)</i>	OTHER <i>(Minimum)</i>
14-01	Instigator of a Melee (Grade 2)	First	16 Fixtures/Matches/ 4 months	Life	\$3,00	Loss of 3 competition points
14-02		Second & subsequent	32 Fixtures/Matches / 8 months		\$6,000	Loss of 6 competition points
15-01	Assault/striking	First	8 Fixtures/Matches/ 2 months	Life	\$2,000	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines (if any)
15-02		Second & subsequent	16 Fixtures/Matches/ 4 months		\$4,000	
16-01	Violent conduct	First	12 Fixtures/Matches / 3 months	Life	\$2,000	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines (if any)
16-02		Second & subsequent	24 Fixtures/Matches / 6 months		\$4,000	
17-01	Serious violent conduct	First	12 months	Life	\$3.00	Loss of 3 competition points
17-02		Second & subsequent	2 years		\$6,000	Loss of 6 competition points
18-01	Damaging property/equipment	First	2 Fixtures/Matches	24 months	\$1,00	Cost of repair/replace property & equipment
18-02		Second & subsequent	8 Fixtures/Matches / 2 months		\$2,,000	Cost of repair/replace property & equipment
19-01	Contempt against a Body	First	4 Fixtures/Matches / 1 month	5 years	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
19-02		Second & subsequent	8 Fixtures/Matches / 2 months			
20-01	Breach of the prohibition on dual registration (as per article 6.13 of the FA National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations)	First	8 Fixtures/Matches / 2 months	24 months	\$2,000	Loss of 3 competition points
20-02		Second & subsequent	12 Fixtures/Matches / 3 months		\$3,	Loss of 6 competition points
21-01	Breach of Football NSW Rules and Regulations or FA National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations relating to registration (other than dual registration) and/or competitions	First	Any penalty or sanction prescribed by the relevant rules and regulations and, if none, such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines		Any penalty or sanction prescribed by the relevant rules and regulations and, if none, such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines	
21-02		Second & subsequent				
22-01	Possessing a Prohibited Item at a Match, Fixture or Football NSW event	First	2 years	Life	\$2,000	N/A
22-02		Second & subsequent	5 years		\$10,000	Loss of 3 competition points
23-01	Throwing missiles including, but not limited to, on to the Field of Play or at other Spectators	First	2 years	Life	\$3,00	Loss of 3 competition points
23-02		Second & subsequent	5 years		\$6,000	Loss of 6 competition points
24-01	Display, or attempt to display, within a stadium, venue, ground or centre any offensive or inappropriate banners (whether in English or a foreign language) or any other sign, flag, emblem or insignia which may vilify a person on the basis of their age, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, ability, race, colour, religion, language, politics, national or ethnic origin or which may offend or incite hatred or violence, as determined by Football NSW.	First	2 years	Life	\$2,000	Loss of 3 competition points
24-02		Second & subsequent	5 years		\$4,000	Loss of 6 competition points
25-01	Letting off incendiary device(s) or fire(s)	First	2 years	Life	Perpetrator successfully prosecuted = Warning Perpetrator not successfully prosecuted = \$1,000 fine	
25-02		Second	5 years		Perpetrator successfully prosecuted = \$500 fine Perpetrator not successfully prosecuted = \$2,000 fine	
25-03		Third & subsequent	5 years		Perpetrator successfully prosecuted = \$2,000 fine + loss of 3 competition points Perpetrator not successfully prosecuted = \$4,000 fine + loss of 3 competition points	
26-01	Group of Spectators uttering insulting words or sounds	First	6 months	5 years	\$2,000	N/A
26-02		Second & subsequent	12 months		\$4,000	N/A

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			SUSPENSION <i>(Minimum)</i>	SUSPENSION <i>(Maximum)</i>	FINE \$ <i>(Minimum)</i>	OTHER <i>(Minimum)</i>
27-01	Breach of a Suspension, Notice of Suspension or Determination	First	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines but no less than what is prescribed in the Football NSW Competition Regulations		Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines	
27-02		Second & subsequent				
28-01	Betting, match-fixing or corruption (as per clause 2 of the FA National Code of Conduct and Ethics)	First	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
28-02		Second & subsequent				
29-01	Breach of the FNSW Privacy Policy, the FA Privacy Policy or any privacy policy applicable to a Member’s collection, use and disclosure of personal information	First	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
29-02		Second & subsequent				
30-01	Bringing the game into disrepute (section 16.4(f) and/or 16.4(g))	First	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
30-02		Second & subsequent				
31-01	Detrimental Public Comment (including Media and Social Media)	First	8 Fixtures/Matches/ 2 months	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines	\$2,000	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines (if any)
31-02	<i>Including but not limited to, comments that: i denigrate or criticise Football NSW (including any of its staff and Board), FA or any of their commercial partners; ii denigrate or criticise another Member, whether in relation to incidents that have occurred in a Match/Fixture or otherwise; iii denigrate or criticise a Participant by inappropriately commenting on any aspect of their performance, abilities or characteristics; iv refer to the likely outcome of a matter being investigated by Football NSW or a matter or hearing before a Body; v criticise the outcome of a Football NSW investigation; vi criticise the decision of a Body; vii criticise a Body or any of its members; or viii criticise any evidence, submission or other comment made by any person at or in relation to a matter or hearing before a Body</i>	Second & subsequent	16 Fixtures/Matches/ 4 months		\$4,000	
32-01	Other action or behaviour in breach the FA National Code of Conduct and Ethics, the FA National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations, the FA Spectator Code of Behaviour, the FA Integrity Framework and/or the FA Member Protection Framework not identified elsewhere in this Table	First	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
32-02		Second & subsequent				
33-01	Threatening or intimidating language or conduct towards an individual	First	MMS + 7 Fixtures/Matches	24 months	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
33-02		Second & subsequent	MMS + 10 Fixtures/Matches			
34-01	Threat of physical violence towards an individual or their family or property	First	6 months	24 months	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
34-02		Second & subsequent	12 months			
35-01	Participant or Member failing to provide or providing false/misleading information to Football NSW or a Body	First	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
35-02		Second & subsequent				
36-01	Interfering with, or delaying the restart of, play	First	1 Fixture	24 months	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
36-02		Second & subsequent	2 Fixtures/Matches			
37-01	Failure to comply with section 8.2(g) of these Regulations (restrictions imposed on Participants after receiving a Red Card or being Expelled during a Match). Any sanction applied is in addition to the sanction issued in respect of the Red Card Offence or the Expulsion Offence.	First	1 Fixture	24 months	\$500	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines (if any)
37-02		Second & subsequent	2 Fixtures/Matches		\$1.00	

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			SUSPENSION (Minimum)	SUSPENSION (Maximum)	FINE \$ (Minimum)	OTHER (Minimum)
38-01	Inappropriate goal celebration ^{&}	First	5 Fixtures/Matches (if Red Card issued)	24 months	\$3,00	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines (if any)
38-02		Second & subsequent	8 Fixtures/Matches (if Red Card issued)	24 months	\$10,000	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines (if any)
39-01	Illegal Training Activities	First	Warning	24 months	Warning	
39-02		Second & subsequent	2 Fixtures/Matches		\$2,000 fine	
40-01	Spitting at or on a Player, Spectator, Association Official, Team Official or Football NSW employee or representative	First	12 months	Life	Such penalty as the Executive or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
40-02		Second & subsequent	2 years			

***The offences set out in Tables B and C are not intended to be exhaustive and the Executive may bring any charge pursuant to section 16.4 (2026 Football NSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations) against a Member.**

#Tables B and C sets out the Minimum and Maximum Sanctions that may be imposed by the Executive or a Tribunal for the offences set out in those Tables. The Executive or a Tribunal may impose any of the other sanctions set out in Table D in addition to a Suspension or Sanction. For example, a Player who receives a four (4) Fixture/Match Suspension for using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures towards a Match Official may also be required to successfully complete a referee's course and be required to officiate a number of Matches.

^A Member is presumed to have known that a person was a Match Official (regardless of that person's attire or regardless of whether that person identified themselves as a Match Official to the Member) unless that Member satisfies the Executive or Body, as the case may be, otherwise.

&Refer to Memo issued by Football NSW in relation to Inappropriate goal celebrations dated 10 February 2023 available [here](#).