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## **PART G - JUDICIARY**

### **Judiciary & Disciplinary Committee & Appeals Board**

#### **G1 Matters Not Specifically Provided For:**

The Board of the Association is hereby empowered to deal as it may think fit with, Members or Associate Member, Club Officials, Team Officials, or Players, in respect of any offences and complaints and other matters not otherwise specifically provided for in these Regulations.

#### **G2 Judiciary Committee**

- i) A Judiciary Committee shall be formed consisting of a Chairman and any five (5) other persons who shall be approved by the Board;
- ii) The Judiciary Committee, in hearing any case, shall consist of the Chairman (or his nominee) and a minimum of any two (2) Members of his Committee;
- iii) The Judiciary Committee shall be empowered under these Regulations to examine reports submitted by Referees, Linesmen or Assistants, Member Clubs, Players, Team officials, Association Directors, Observers appointed by the Board of the Association and other persons concerning incidents of misconduct likely to bring the game into disrepute;
- iv) The Judiciary Committee shall have the authority to impose penalties by way of them as deemed necessary on part of Players, Clubs, Team Officials, Match Officials or any Official of a Club. A Judiciary Committee Member shall not take part in any hearing which may involve a member or player or a club with which they hold office as the Director of Committeemen or with which they otherwise holds a close association.

#### **G3 Duties of Chairman of Judiciary**

The Duties of the Chairman of Judiciary (or their nominee) shall be:

- i) To examine the referees send off reports, the Clubs match reports and the offending players reports as soon as possible after the fixture in which the player was sent off;
- ii) To organise a Judiciary Committee at for a time as soon as possible after the report has been received, to hear cases involving persons, players, team officials, club officials, Match officials, that are summonsed to appear before the Judiciary Committee;
- iii) To appoint a nominee to act in his stead if he is unavailable for a Judiciary Committee meeting;
- iv) To be the sole arbiter as to when any player is called before a judiciary, after having been sent from the field of play, or has been cited for any misconduct off the field of play, or whether any such player shall be called to appear to give reason why the Judiciary Committee should not increase the penalty by further suspension, bonds, fines or a combination thereof;

- v) To be the sole arbiter as to whether any such Player, Team Official, Club Official, Match Official, or other person shall be called before the Judiciary Committee to be judged as to whether penalty should be applied for any action which may be deemed by the Board of the Association to be likely to bring the game into disrepute;
- vi) To ensure that the appellant or aggrieved party or representation as the case may be appearing before the Judiciary Committee is granted a fair hearing, provided that nothing contained in these Regulations shall grant a right of legal representation to any party at a Judiciary Committee hearing unless the other party is also legally represented and then only at the discretion of the Chairman or his nominee. The player **MUST BE** accompanied by a Committee Member provided that a further representative may be allowed by the Chairman of Judiciary Committee. Should the player not be represented by the Club Official the hearing may proceed and the club shall be fined a sum as decided annually by the Board for each offence;
- vii) To be the sole arbiter that any party to a hearing shall be entitled to be represented by an official of the club providing that nothing in this regulation shall permit an official who has legal qualifications to appear with the appellant or aggrieved party, unless the Judiciary has granted the right to legal representation pursuant to Regulation G3.vi
- viii) To order either verbally or in writing that any Person, player, club official, match official, including Association Directors, **MUST** appear before the Judiciary Committee to give evidence;
- ix) To direct that the proceedings before the Judiciary/Committee be recorded in such a manner as the Chairman, or his nominee, directs and such recording shall be made by the Secretary of the Judiciary Committee. No recording of any meeting of the is permitted by any member under any circumstances;
- x) To request in the interests of justice in any particular case, the benefit of any known visual evidence and if required adjourn such hearing to another time and place to view such evidence. If any such hearing is adjourned to gather further evidence, he alone shall have the right to decide whether the player or aggrieved person or club shall have any suspension lifted until the time of the reconvened hearing.

#### **G4 Referral of Matters**

The Board of the Association shall, if deemed necessary, refer any matter of misconduct or action likely to bring the game into disrepute to the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

## **G5 Jurisdiction**

The Judiciary Committee may impose penalty by way of reprimand, bond or suspension or combination thereof, on any Person, Club, Player, team official, match official, club official, which may wilfully disobey or disregard such instruction to appear or provide evidence of a truthful nature.

## **G6 Notice of Judiciary Meeting**

The required notice to appear before the Judiciary meeting shall be twenty four (24) hours MINIMUM given verbally to a Club Secretary or approved Executive Member by the Chairman of the Judiciary or his nominee.

## **G7 Appeals Board**

- i) An Appeals board shall be formed by the Association, the purpose of which is to adjudicate on appeals for players, match officials, team officials, clubs, club officials, or any person dissatisfied with the decision of the appointed sub-committees;
- ii) The appeals board shall consist of a Chairman appointed by the Directors of the Association and two (2) representatives of member Clubs of the Association as set out in these regulations;
- iii) The nominees for the Appeals board from the Member clubs of the Association shall be either one of President, Hon Secretary, or Treasurer of the Member Club. One must nominate and one of the other two (2) must be named as proxy;
- iv) The submission of the name of the nominee for each member club shall be made in writing to the Association by 1st March in each year or a fine as decided annually by the Board will be imposed. Should any club be fined under this Regulation, it will also forfeit the right of appeal from decisions of the judiciary until thirty (30) days after a person has been nominated;
- v) The members of the Appeals Board shall be selected by a ballot by the Chairman of the Appeals board or his nominee. No members of the Appeals Board shall sit on any Appeal concerning their own club;
- vi) The ballot of the Appeals Board members shall be conducted by the chairman of the Appeals Board, or his nominee, as each case arises and shall be carried out so that no club shall be balloted twice before every member club has appeared on the Board of Appeal, provided that no member shall sit on appeal concerning a member of their own club;
- vii) Notwithstanding (vi) above, the same Appeals board constituted of the same members may hear two separate cases concerning appeals from members on the same night, subject to the provision in (v) above;
- viii) The Chairman of the Appeal Board or his nominee shall give seventy two (72) hours notice to each member club of being required for duty on an Appeals board. If any member club fails to present a nominee or proxy on an Appeals board, given such notice, then the chairman of the Appeals board may direct the to

allow no right of appeal against decisions of the Judiciary and from that particular Member club for a period of ninety (90) days;

- ix) No director of the Association shall be entitled to sit as a member of the Appeals Board.
- x) No appellant to an Appeals board may object to the selection on any sitting Member of the Appeals Board on any grounds, provided that the Chairman of the Appeals Board or his nominee has drawn the member's by ballot;
- xi) It shall not be the incumbent for either the Chairman of the Appeals Board, or his nominee, or the office or officers of the Association to inform either the appellant or the Members of the Appeals Board, what case or cases it is to hear, or enter into any discussion on any matter concerning an Appeals Board Meeting before the time and place convened for such meeting;
- xii) Any member, associate member or affiliated member or organisation is entitled to appeal to the Appeals Board on matters concerning them arising from Judiciary Committee decisions;
- xiii) Any appeal against a decision of the Judiciary Committee shall be notified within forty eight (48) hours of the handing down of any decision. This must be done verbally in the first instance, provided that a written appeal is delivered to the Offices, within seventy two (72) hours of the handing down of the decision at the Judiciary Meeting (G7 (xiv)) and is accompanied by an appeal fee H2.(vi) ;
- xiv) Any Club, Player, Team Official, Match Official, or aggrieved party under suspension arising from a decision of the Judiciary Committee and who has appealed to the Appeal Board, may have any suspension waived until such time as the Appeal Board can be convened providing that any suspension will not be waived until such time as the consent of either Director of P & D or Company Secretary has been obtained. The Director of P & D and/or Company Secretary shall have the right to withhold such consent if such officer is not satisfied that the appeal is bona fide, considers appeal is merely to allow a player to take part in a match or if the offence in question is of such a serious nature that they consider to allow the player to play could bring game into disrepute. In no event shall consent be granted until such time as written appeal is received. See Regulation G7 (xii) as regards time limit and Regulation H5 re fees.
- xv) The Appeals board shall have the full power to vary, modify, or set aside the decision or finding of the Judiciary and to set aside, increase or decrease the period of suspension imposed or to order a new hearing;
- xvi) If the appeal has been successful, then the appeal fee will be returned to the appellant;
- xvii) If the Appeals board considers that the appeal was made to circumvent these Regulations and to make a suspension ineffective, or to allow a Player or players to take part in a vital fixture, the appeal fee shall be forfeited. The Appeals board may apply a further fine

not exceeding two hundred dollars (\$200), if the Appeals board considers that this was intended by the appellant, his/her Club, or other party.

- xviii) The Appeals Board may apply a further penalty to that which has been decided by the Judiciary Committee;
- xix) The chairman of the Judiciary Committee or a nominee who was present when the appellant's case was heard MUST appear to give evidence at the Appeals Board to give cause and reason as to why the Judiciary Committee's decision should be upheld.

#### **G8 Duties of the Chairman of the Appeals Board**

The duties of the Chairman of the Appeals Board shall be to:

- i) Appoint a nominee to act in his stead if he is unavailable for any Appeals Board hearing;
- ii) Organise, through the Association, an Appeals Board hearing with the minimum of delay;
- iii) Ensure that the appellant or aggrieved party or representative, as the case may be, which is appearing before the Appeals Board is granted a fair hearing, provided that nothing contained in these Regulations shall grant a right of legal representation to any party at an Appeals Board Hearing unless the other party is also legally represented and then only at the discretion of the Chairman or his nominee;
- iv) To be the sole arbiter that any party to a hearing shall be entitled to be represented by an Official of the Club, providing that nothing in this regulation shall permit an official who has legal qualifications to appear with the appellant or aggrieved party, unless the Appeals Board has granted the right to legal representation pursuant to Regulation G8.iii)
- v) Have the power to order, either verbally or in writing, that any person, player, team official, Match Official, Club Official or other Official, including Directors of the Board, MUST appear before the Appeals Board to give evidence;
- vi) May accept, at his sole discretion, the provision of written evidence to be presented, if any person so summonsed is unable to attend;
- vii) Direct that the proceedings before the Appeals Board be recorded in such a manner as the Chairman or his nominee directs and such recording shall be made by the secretary of the Association, or his nominee, who shall be entitled to attend each hearing for that purpose;
- viii) The recorder shall vacate the Committee room while the Appeals Board deliberates a decision or penalty;
- ix) In the interest of justice in any particular case, request the benefit of any known visual evidence, and, if required, adjourn such hearing to another time and place to view such evidence;
- x) If adjourning any Appeals Board hearing to gather further evidence, it is the decision of the Chairman or his nominee to maintain the player's suspension, or temporarily lift the player's suspension until the time of the reconvened hearing. If the player's suspension is

temporarily lifted, and the player takes the field and is cautioned or sent off for any offence, the penalty will be doubled, and the full suspension will commence from the date of the latest infringement.

#### **G9 Appeals Board Penalties**

The Appeals Board may impose penalty by way of reprimand bond, fine or suspension or a combination thereof to any person, club, player, team official, match official, or club official, that may wilfully disobey or disregard instructions to appear provide evidence of a truthful nature.

#### **G10 Appeals Board Notice of Meeting**

The required notice to appear before an Appeal Board shall be forty eight (48) hours MINIMUM given verbally to the club secretary or person involved by the chairman of the Appeals Board, his nominee, or Offices of the Association.

#### **G11 Failure To Appear At Appeals Board**

- i) Any person so summonsed to appear before the Appeals Board who neglects to appear without prior or satisfactory explanation to the Chairman of the Appeals Board or Secretary of the Association shall be dealt with in terms of suspension, bond, fine, reprimand or a combination thereof as the Appeals Board sees fit;
- ii) Any player who does not appear before the Appeals Board when ordered may be suspended by the Appeals Board until such time as the player appears before it.

#### **G12 Calling of Witnesses**

Any aggrieved party, player, club official, team official, match official, or Club may call witnesses in support of their appeal, the number of which shall be at the discretion of the Chairman of the Appeals Board.

#### **G13 Match Officials to Attend**

Any referee, match official or his representative concerned in the appeal MUST attend to give evidence if so directed by the Chairman or his nominee

#### **G14 Subversion of Appeals Board**

- i) The Appeals Board is entitled to administer penalty by way of fine, bond, suspension or reprimand to any person, player or witness so called to a hearing of the Appeals Board, by act, word or by deed at the hearing, attempts to subvert the course of such hearing, or is guilty of unseemly conduct at a hearing;
- ii) The Appeals Board in handing down any decision due to Regulation G14.a (i), shall make it plain in handing down its decision, that a penalty has been effected for misconduct at the hearing and record this penalty in the Minutes of the meeting.
- iii) Any person or Club who, otherwise than at an Appeals Board hearing, (refer G14(i) above), in any way endeavours to subvert or unduly influence the

outcome of an appeals board hearing shall be subject to such penalties as determined by the Board of the Association from time to time.

#### **G15 Notice of Decision**

The Chairman of the Appeals Board shall notify the appellant of its decision after the deliberation of each case on the evening of the Appeals Board meeting. The decision of the Appeals Board shall also be confirmed in writing by the Association, to the Secretary of the member club concerned, as soon as possible.

#### **G16 General Functions for Commissions and Enquiries**

- i) The Judiciary Committee or Appeals Board may exercise the functions conferred upon them by or under these Regulations or from time to time by the Board of the Association.
- ii) In the exercise of their functions, the Judiciary Committee or Appeals Board shall do such things as may be necessary to ensure:
  - (a) That all appeals, disputes and other matters are set down for hearing with as much expedience as possible.
  - (b) That all hearings are conducted within as short a period as reasonable possible.

#### **G17 General Procedures for Commissions and Enquiries**

- i) The procedure for the conduct of any sitting of the Judiciary Committee or Appeals Board subject to these regulations shall be determined by the Chairman of each commission or enquiry
- ii) The Chairman or a Member selected by the Chairman of each Commission as the case shall require, shall preside as Chairman at each sitting of that Commission.
- iii) Each Member shall have and exercise one (1) vote and the decision on any matter arising for determination at the hearing of the Judiciary Committee or Appeal Board shall be that determined by a majority of the member of each commission Such decision shall be the decision of the Judiciary Committee or Appeal Board provided that in the event of equality of votes the Chairman of the commission shall exercise a second or casting vote.
- iv) At a hearing by the Judiciary Committee or Appeals Board, the appellant or the aggrieved party's case shall be presented first but nothing herein removes from any person the onus of proving any ground on which they relies.
- v) The Judiciary Committee or Appeals Board shall not inform itself on, or take into consideration, any matters which have not been disclosed in evidence at a sitting of the Judiciary Committee or Appeal Board unless the matter is one which ought, in the interests of justice, be taken into account, for consideration by the Judiciary Committee or Appeals Board.

- vi) Subject to subsection (e (v)) above the Judiciary Committee or Appeals Board is not bound by the rules and practises as to evidence.

#### **G18 Instructions to Persons**

In relation to any hearing the Chairman of either the Judiciary Committee or Appeals Board by instruction in writing or verbally:

- i) May require any person to present at a sitting of the Judiciary Committee or Appeals Board for the purpose of hearing to produce, on or before such date as is specified in the instruction, the inspection of any other such persons so specified, any document or exhibit relevant to the hearing and which is so specified;
- ii) May require a person referred to in paragraph (i) above to do either or any of the following things, namely:
  - (a) To lodge with either the Judiciary Committee or Appeals Board on or before such a date as is specified in the instruction, a written case setting out the arguments on which the person relies in relation to the offence, appeal or complaint.
  - (b) To serve on or before such date as I specified in the instrument, or any other such person so specified, a copy of the written case referred to in sub-paragraph (a)
- iii) May require the persons referred to in paragraph G18.(i) to lodge with the Judiciary Committee or Appeals Board on or before such date as is specified in the instruction, a statement of such facts or matters as are agreed upon between them in relation to the offence. appeal or complaint.
- iv) May require any person to produce before the Judiciary Committee or Appeals Board any document or exhibit relevant to the offence appeal or complaint.
- v) May require any person to appear before the Judiciary Committee or Appeals Board and give evidence.
- vi) Any person who fails or neglects to comply with the requirements made under G18(ii)(a) shall be deemed to be guilty of misconduct and shall be liable to such penalty as the Judiciary Committee or Appeals Board determines.

#### **G19 Adjournment of Meeting**

The Judiciary Committee or Appeals Board may from time to time adjourn and hearing until such times, dates and places and for such reasons as it thinks fit.

#### **G20 Publicity of Proceedings Judiciary Committee or Appeals Board**

- i) No party, player, club official, team official, match official, or club shall have the right to publicise in any manner, the decision or proceedings of the judiciary Committee or Appeals Board.
- ii) No member of the Judiciary Committee or Appeals Board, including the chairman, shall have the right to publish in any manner the decisions of the Judiciary Committee or Appeals Board. The Company Secretary

of the Association alone shall have the right to publish in the manner determined by the Board a decision of the Judiciary Committee or Appeals Board.

- iii) The Board of Directors of the Association shall be entitled to publish in the public press or in any other manner they think fit, reports of their proceedings, acts, resolutions and findings whether the same shall or shall not reflect on the conduct of any player or official or spectator and all evidence tendered on such enquiries and reports shall be privileged and every such Player, Official, Club or Spectator shall be deemed to have assented to such enquiry and publication as to accept the same as privileged in Law.

#### **G21 Withdrawal of Appeals or Claims**

- i) The appellant or aggrieved party may at any time withdraw his appeal or claim whether or not the Judiciary Committee or Appeals Board has commenced to consider the appeal or claim. When the consideration by the Judiciary Committee or Appeals Board of an appeal or claim has not commenced the appellant or aggrieved party may withdraw the appeal by notifying the Secretary of the Association in writing that they are withdrawing their appeal or claim.
- ii) Where the consideration by the Judiciary Committee or Appeals Board of the claim has commenced the appellant or aggrieved party may withdraw his appeal by informing the respective Chairmen of the Judiciary Committee or Appeal Board that he withdraws his appeal or claim.
- iii) The Judiciary Committee or Appeals Board shall determine if the appropriate fee lodged with the Association should be returned, either in full or part thereof to the appellant or aggrieved party.

#### **G22 Appeals to the Board of Directors**

- i) Any aggrieved party dissatisfied with the outcome of the Appeals Board shall have the right to appeal to the Association Board of Directors.
- ii) Any appeal to Directors from a decision of the Appeals Board must be lodged verbally within forty eight (48) hours and in written form within seventy two (72) hours of the Appeals Board handing down its decision. The written appeal must be accompanied by an Appeal Fee as decided annually by the Board and such fee is not refundable under any circumstances.
- iii) The Appeal to the Board will be heard at the first meeting of the Board after the written appeal is lodged providing such meeting of the Board is scheduled for at least seven (7) days after receipt of the appeal. Such appeal can be heard at an earlier date if acceptable to the Board and the appellant.
- iv) The only grounds of appeal to the Board of Directors shall be against the penalty applied by the Appeals Board for the particular offence committed.
- v) The appellant may not call witnesses at the Board of Directors meeting. Any representative desired by the

appellant at such meeting shall be at the sole discretion of the Chairman or President of the Board

- vi) The Chairman or their nominee, or the Chairman or their nominee of the Appeals Board which dealt with the appellant's case MUST attend to give evidence at the Board of Directors Meeting, and give cause and reason as to why the Appeals Board's decision should be upheld.
- vii) The Board of Directors have the right to vary any suspension or fine imposed by the Appeals Board and have the right to adjust such penalties in line with the appeal or severity of the sentence, as they deem fitting.
- viii) No aggrieved party under any appeal to the Board of Directors shall have the suspension temporarily suspended until the appeal is heard. Any suspension administered by the Appeals Board shall stand until the hearing by the Board of Directors.

#### **G23 Judiciary Committee Procedures**

The following procedure shall be the basis for conducting Judiciary Meetings in respect of any charges against players by Referees.

- i) The Association directs that all hearings be heard by the Judiciary Committee as defined in these regulations.
- ii) Upon assembly the Chairman shall summon the Referee and his representative (if any), the charged player and his club representative, any other players who have been mentioned in the Referee's report. All players mentioned in the Referee's report may have their club representative in attendance
- iii) The chairman questions the charged player if he is number # # of the Football Club on the day stated. The chairman asks the same questions of the other Player or Players also mentioned in the referee's report. At the conclusion of the above, the charged player and his club representative and the referee and his representative shall remain. All other players and officials shall retire until called by the Chairman.
- iv) The referee's brief written report is read by the Chairman who shall be in possession of the team sheets, players reports and any other relevant correspondence
- v) The chairman then asks the charged player to plead guilty or not guilty.
- vi) After the charged player pleads, the referee is asked to amplify the referees report and may be questioned by his representative, by the charged player and his representative. The Chairman and members of the judiciary may also ask questions as they desire at any time. The referee may call his witnesses if any.
- vii) The other Player(s) mentioned in the report is/are asked to give their version of the incident. He may be questioned by his representative, the referee and his representative, the charged player and his representative.

- viii) The charged player is then asked to give his version of the incident and he may be questioned by his representative, the referee and his representative.
- ix) The players may then call witnesses, the charged player or his representative calling his first. Once a witness is called to give evidence, he must remain in the room until the case is finished. Each witness is asked to give his version of the incident and may be questioned by the various Representatives and the Committee as desired.
- x) After all the evidence is given, the Representatives are given the opportunity of summing up their cases and when the committee is satisfied that all the evidence it needs to enable it to come to a decision has been heard, all persons except the Committee will retire. The Committee will consider the case and record a finding on what it believes to be the facts.
- xi) When the decision is reached all parties reassemble and the chairman announces the findings.
- xii) The chairman of the judiciary shall notify the appellant of its decision after deliberation of each case on the evening of the judiciary Committee meeting. The decision of the Judiciary Committee shall also be confirmed in writing by the Association, to the Secretary of the appellants Club as soon as possible.
- xiii) No party, player, club official, team official, match official, shall have the right to publicise in any manner the proceedings or decisions of the Judiciary Committee.

#### **G24 Players Appearing Before Judiciary Committee**

- i) A player who has been sent from the field of play and has not accepted an offer to plead Guilty with penalties by way of reprimand, bonds, fines, suspension or a combination of any of them as deemed necessary by the Secretary of Judiciary MUST appear before the Judiciary Committee at such time, date and place as directed verbally to the Secretary of the Players Club provided that a minimum of twenty four (24) hours notice is given.
- ii) Any player that does not comply with the instructions of the Judiciary Committee to appear shall be dealt with by the Judiciary Committee as the Committee feel the circumstances warrant.
- iii) Any player that does not appear before the Judiciary Committee when ordered may be suspended by the Judiciary Committee until such time as the player appears before it.
- iv) The player may call witnesses in their defence. All evidence to support their case shall be presented at the hearing
- v) The player MUST be accompanied by an Executive member of their club provided that a further representative may be allowed by the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee if they see fit. Should the player not be represented by the club official, the hearing will proceed, but the club shall be fined a sum as decided annually by the Board for each offence.

#### **G25 Referees Appearing Before Judiciary Committee**

The referees concerned in the sending off offence, or his representative MUST appear to give evidence in addition to his written send-off report, if so directed by the Chairman or his nominee.

#### **G.26 Calling of Witnesses by Chairman**

The Chairman or his nominee may also call witnesses in the interest of justice in any particular case.

#### **G27 Inability to Appear at Judiciary Committee Meeting**

- i) Any player or witness, who finds it impossible to attend Judiciary Meetings when requested by the Chairman, or his nominee, should make representations personally to the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, or the Secretary of the Association. In extreme cases the player may be allowed to further state his case in writing, if permission is granted by either of the two officials named above. Such written evidence may be requested in Statutory Declaration format if considered necessary by either of the two officials named above. If a player fails to fulfil either of the provisions of this paragraph, THEY SHALL BE SUSPENDED UNTIL THEY APPEAR BEFORE THE JUDICIARY
- ii) Any club that fails to advise the secretary of Judiciary prior to nominated judiciary night of unavailability of the player or witness to attend will be fined a sum to be decided annually by the Board.

#### **G28 Misconduct at Judiciary Committee Meetings**

- i) The Judiciary Committee meeting shall be empowered to impose by way of loss of points to the players club who, in the opinion of the Judiciary Committee, by act, word or by deed at the Hearing attempt to subvert the course of such hearing or is guilty of unseemly conduct at the hearing.
- ii) The Judiciary Committee in handing down any decision as (i) above shall make it plain in handing down it's decision, that the penalty has been effected for misconduct at the Hearing and record his penalty in the Minutes of the meeting.

#### **G29 Termination of Suspension**

- i) Any player(s) returning from suspension and playing without registration card, shall be subject to penalties as detailed in Part D of these Regulations
- ii) All suspensions shall terminate at midnight immediately after completion of the round of matches, in the competition in which the player serving his suspension unless otherwise qualified or determined by the Judiciary Committee., scheduled for the date of the player's final day of suspension.

### **G30 Serving of Suspension**

- i) A player under suspension shall serve his suspension in the competition in which they were playing when the offence was committed.

NOTE: if players were dismissed at the seasons end, their suspensions carry to the following season. They shall not be eligible for selection or to play in any grade until the RELEVANT GRADE in which they were dismissed has fulfilled the required number of recognised Association Competition Fixtures, or unless otherwise qualified or determined by the Judiciary Committee.

### **G31 Notification to Club and Return of Players Registration Card**

- i) A letter stating the decision of the Judiciary Committee shall be handed to the player and a copy of same forwarded to Club Secretary.

- ii) It shall be the clubs responsibility to collect the Registration card upon the completion of the suspension by contacting the Secretary of the Judiciary Committee and making suitable arrangements to collect the registration card prior to competition in any fixture.

### **G32 Rights of the Board**

Nothing in the foregoing shall prevent the Board of Directors of the Association from approving a course of action to meet unforeseeable circumstances not covered by the regulations concerning player send - offs provided that reasonable notification and consideration shall be given to the Player and club concerned.

### **G33 Fees and Fines**

G2 (c)	Judiciary Committee Authority Maximum Fine each offence	\$100
G5	Wilfully Disobey the Judiciary Committee Maximum Fine each offence	\$100
G6 (d)	Failing to Submit Nominee Fine Breach this Regulation	\$50
G7 (m)	Appeal to Appeal Board:	Typing Fee \$150 + H2 (f)
G7 (r)	Appeals Board	Maximum Fine \$200
G11 (a)	Failure to Appear before Appeals Board Maximum Fine each offence	\$100
G14 (a)	Attempt to Subvert the Appeals Board Maximum Fine each offence	\$1000
G22 (b)	Appeal Fee to Board of Directors	\$50
G18 (f)	Failure to Comply with Requirement of Commissions	Maximum Fine each offence \$100
G24 (f)	Failure to have Club Executive at Judiciary Fine for Breach of this Regulation	\$50

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## H1 PENALTY POINTS SYSTEM

The following penalty points system and procedure shall operate in respect of all matches played under the jurisdiction of the Association.

- i) Any player sent from the field of play must serve an automatic one (1) match suspension. The Judiciary Committee will determine whether any additional suspensions are to be served in line with the Guidelines for Suspended Players drawn up by that committee.
- ii) Offences by Players against other Players or any other Person (refer to Table H1)
- iii) Offences by Players and Team Officials against Match Officials (refer to Table H2)
- iv) Other Offences by Players and Team Officials (refer to Table H3)

## H2 Yellow Card Cautionable Offences

- i) A player shall be cautioned during the course of an Association ratified fixture for any offence under the Laws of the Association Football, which is deemed necessary by the referee; An official booking (or caution) is administered by the Referee recording a player's name and number and the offence committed on the caution sheet at the conclusion of the game.
- ii) Any player receiving four (4) yellow cards during the premiership rounds shall be suspended for one (1) competition match and any player receiving six (6) yellow cards in the premiership rounds shall be suspended for two (2) further competition games. Notification shall be given to a player's Club as soon as possible after the fourth or sixth caution is received by the Association.
  - a) The accumulation of yellow cards shall cease at the end of the Competition rounds and restart for the Central Coast Cup or any round robin or any Knockout Competition. If in the Central Coast Cup or any round robin or any Knockout Competition a player receives two (2) yellow cards, that player shall be automatically suspended for one (1) match. Notification shall be given to a player's Club as soon as possible after the second caution is received by the Association.
  - b) A player may ONLY lodge an objection against an official caution on the grounds of mistaken identity. Objection must be lodged to the offices within forty eight (48) hours of the caution;
- iii) Suspensions shall be served in the player's next competition game to be played by the team in which the player is registered. Byes, washouts and forfeits by the player's Club are not considered matches served. For suspensions in Premier League and First Division, a match

is considered both the first and reserve games played on any one day.

- iv) Any player recording any bookings after their sixth yellow card suspension has been served may be notified to attend the Judiciary Committee for further sentencing. The minimum sentence may be until the end of the season unless the Judiciary Committee feels there are circumstances and/or reasons to increase or decrease the sentence.
- v) Players booked four (4) times for dissent or any other offence in any one season may be asked to appear before the Judiciary;
- vi) If a player reaches or has reached their fourth yellow card suspension when the Grand Final is due to be played, they may request special concession from the Director of Judiciary to be allowed to participate in the Grand Final or any other competition sanctioned by the Association.

### Provided:

- a) That the player has reached fourth yellow card suspension. If the player has received a RED CARD the player will not be able to apply to play. This does not include the red card for second cautionable offence;
- b) If the player has consistently received the cautions for the same or similar offence/s the request to play could be declined;
- c) This does not apply to a player who has reached their sixth yellow card suspension;
- d) The player, if granted permission to play, will still have to serve the time of the suspension in the new season;
- e) Players' past records will be taken into account;
- f) The Director of Judiciary and/or their nominee have the right to refuse any application and no appeal will be entered into;
- g) If a player is booked in the Grand Final they shall receive a double penalty;
- vii) Coaches and managers whose players accumulate excessive bookings will be asked to appear before the Judiciary Committee and explain their coaching methods.

## H3 Send Offs

**A Player Who Has Been Sent From The Field of Play by The Referee Must Completely Leave The Field and Surrounds Immediately.**

- i) Players who have been sent from the field of play are to be notified if they are to appear before the Judiciary

Committee by the Offices, through their Club Secretary;

- ii) The player must instruct their club secretary if they require the referee to be in attendance at the hearing of the Judiciary Committee. Such notification to be given to the secretary of judiciary within forty eight (48) hours of the send off by the club secretary;
- iii) The Judiciary Chairman may call in a player who could be exonerated from their send off
- iv) All players suspended by the Judiciary Committee shall have the right of appeal to the appeals board subject to Regulation G7 (xiv) upon lodgement of the

fees. Refer to "Part 1 Fees, Levies, Fines and Charges";

- v) Players past records will be taken into account in all Judiciary considerations;

#### H4 RIGHTS OF BOARD

Nothing in the foregoing shall prevent the Board of the Association from approving a course of action to meet unforeseeable circumstances not covered by the Regulations concerning Player Send Offs provided that reasonable notification and consideration shall be given to the Club and Player concerned.

#### H5 FEES, LEVIES, FINES AND CHARGES

H2 (vi) Appeals Fee to Appeal Board  
 Typing Fee for Minutes \$150.00 (non-refundable)  
 PLUS

1 week suspension	\$100.00
2 week suspension	80.00
3 week suspension	60.00
All other suspensions over 3 weeks	\$50.00

Any other penalty imposed on players/clubs/officials

\$50.00

H3 (ii) Mistaken Identity

Appeal Fee

\$20.00

Table H1

Offences by Players against other Players or any other Person		
CODE	DESCRIPTION	Minimum Penalty
R01A	Striking – Head Butting	3 Matches
R01B	Striking – Punching/Fighting	2 Matches
R02	Kicking	2 Matches
R03A	Elbowing – To the Head	3 Matches
R03B	Elbowing – To the Body	2 Matches
R04	Spitting	CITED   8 Matches
R05	Sabotaging an obvious goal scoring opportunity (tripping)	1 Match
R06	Sabotaging an obvious goal scoring opportunity (holding)	1 Match
R07	Sabotaging an obvious goal scoring opportunity (impeding)	1 Match
R08	Sabotaging an obvious goal scoring opportunity (handball)	1 Match
R09	Violent tackle from behind	2 Matches
R10A	Serious Foul Play – Over the ball Tackle	3 Matches
R10B	Serious Foul Play – Reckless Tackle	3 Matches
R10C	Serious Foul Play – Charging	2 Matches
R10D	Serious Foul Play – Rugby Tackle	2 Matches
R10E	Serious Foul Play – Misconduct	2 Matches
R10F	Serious Foul Play – Grabbing by the Hair	3 Matches
R11	Making Offensive, Insulting or Obscene gestures or Actions	CITED   4 Matches
R12	Offensive, insulting or abusive language	3 Matches
R13	Second Caution	1 Match
R14	Send off offence not previously Specified	Depending on Offence

**Table H2**

<b>Offences by Players and Team Officials against Match Officials</b>			
<b>CODE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>Minimum Penalty</b>	
R20	Threatening or Intimidating a Referee or Assistant Referee by Word or Action	CITED	12 Matches
R21	Tripping a Referee or Assistant Referee	CITED	1 Year
R22	Pushing with open hand, shoulder or hip	CITED	1 Year
R23	Striking with the Ball or other Object	CITED	1 Year
R24	Striking, Kicking or Elbowing	CITED	Life
R25	Spitting	CITED	10 Matches
R26	Use of Offensive, Insulting or Abusive Language or Gestures	CITED	6 Matches

**Table H3**

<b>Other Offences by Players and Team Officials</b>			
<b>CODE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>Minimum Penalty</b>	
R30	Inciting the Crowd	CITED	10 Matches
R31	Attacking or Fighting with Spectators	CITED	1 Year
R32	Bring the Game into Disrepute	CITED	8 Matches
R33	Deliberately misleading the Disciplinary Committee	CITED	10 Matches
R34	Spitting at or onto Spectators	CITED	10 Matches