



# Football CQ

**COMPETITION RULES**

**APPENDIX F**

**DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS**

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## 1.0 COMPETITIONS

1.1 These Regulations shall apply to all matches organised and sanctioned by Football Central Queensland.

1.2 These Disciplinary Regulations are set by Football Central Queensland as the competition administrator and supplement the National Disciplinary Regulations (NDR) in accordance with clause 1.2 of those Regulations.

1.3 All Clubs, Players, Team Officials, Match Officials, spectators or any person participating in any manner at a Football CQ match, or event will submit exclusively to the jurisdiction of the Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

## 2.0 AUTHORITIES AND JURISDICTION

### 2.1 The Referee

- controls each match and has authority to enforce the Laws of the Game in each Football CQ sanctioned match to which he or she has been appointed;
- makes all disciplinary decisions relating to a Match;
- has the powers, duties and authority:
  - a) as specified in the Laws of the Game and, in particular, Law 5; and
  - b) to make disciplinary decisions from the moment he or she enters the field of play until he or she leaves the field of play after the final whistle.

### 2.2 Football CQ

- administers the Competition;
- may exercise any of the powers granted to it under these Regulations;
- Football CQ has the right to consider individual circumstances outside the prescribed limits of these Regulations should it be clear those special considerations are in the best interest of the game.
- The decision by Football CQ to review and consider individual circumstances under this section is not subject to appeal or review.
- must convene the Disciplinary Committee or the Appeals Committee to make determinations as required under these Regulations;
- will appoint a Disciplinary Coordinator to operate in accordance with these Regulations;
- must give effect to the penalties applied pursuant to these Regulations.

### 2.3 The Disciplinary Hearing Appeals Committee

- has jurisdiction to hear appeals relating to penalties applied through these Regulations must determine the imposition of any penalty, in accordance with these Regulations and the FFA Statutes.

### 2.4 The Disciplinary Coordinator

- applies the table of offences and proposes penalties;
- refers matters to the Disciplinary Hearing Appeals Committee arising from matches as specified and in accordance with these Regulations and the FFA Statutes.

At the end of each match the Referee must submit the Referees Report to the Competition Administrator who then determines if additional action needs to be undertaken in accordance with clause 3 or clause 4 of the National Disciplinary Regulations (NDR's).

A Competition Administrator may determine that the send-off of a Player or the expulsion of a Team Official was of such a nature as to warrant a sanction greater than the mandatory match suspension, including additional match suspensions and/or a fine. In imposing an additional match suspension, a Competition Administrator must determine that a sanction additional to a mandatory match suspension is imposed in accordance with the Table of Offences.

### **3.0 DISCIPLINARY HEARING APPEALS COMMITTEE**

3.1 Football CQ shall appoint each year suitably qualified persons to the Disciplinary Hearing Appeals Committee to deal with:

- a) appeals against additional disciplinary sanctions
- b) appeals against penalties applied by clubs on their club members

The Disciplinary Hearing Appeals Committee is independent of Football CQ.

A Disciplinary Hearing Appeals Committee panel shall consist of three (3) members. However if a third member is not available, it may convene with two (2) members with the Chair having the deciding vote if necessary.

3.2 It should be noted that:

- a. Permission must be sought from the Disciplinary Coordinator for the attendance of legal representation at any Disciplinary Hearing Appeals Committee Hearing and FCQ may determine the conditions for such an attendance.
- b. A Club representative shall be required to attend a Disciplinary Hearing Appeals Committee Hearing into the actions of individuals connected to such club.

3.3 Any party summoned to appear before the Disciplinary Hearing Appeals Committee shall receive at least three (3) working days notification prior to the Hearing. If the party does not attend they may be sanctioned until they appear. However if there is a valid reason for not attending, a party can write to FCQ and request a postponement of a maximum of one (1) week.

3.4 Any party can also request to have the charges determined by the Disciplinary Hearing Appeals Committee in their absence. In this situation, the party must present their plea (guilty or not guilty) and detail their defence to the charge if pleading not guilty.

3.5 The Disciplinary Hearing Appeals Committee reserves the right to sanction any party that is summoned to a Hearing and fails to appear and has not advised their non-attendance.

3.6 Persons entitled to appear before a Disciplinary Hearing Appeals Committee shall be:

- a. Summoned party accompanied by a Club Representative
- b. Player's Parent or Guardian (junior players)
- c. Summoned party's witness as outlined prior to the hearing date
- d. Any other party requested by the Disciplinary Hearing Appeals Committee

### **3.7 Disciplinary Hearing Procedures**

Except in the case of obvious error, the particulars of which are exclusively contained at clause 4.3 of National Disciplinary Regulations, there is no appeal from a mandatory match suspension.

The following guidelines apply to determine whether a Referee's decision amounted to an obvious error under clause 4.3:

- a) A disciplinary decision must have been made by the Referee to issue a yellow card or red card;

- b) It clearly must have been a wrong decision (such as a right decision against a wrong player or mistaken identity); and
- c) It must not have been a discretionary decision by a Referee as to whether an action was a foul or a yellow or red card.

Under Clause 10.2 of the National Disciplinary Regulations, a player or team official may appeal the Additional Disciplinary Sanction imposed in a Disciplinary Infringement Notice by notifying Football CQ within seven (7) days after the date on which the Disciplinary Infringement Notice was received by completing a Disciplinary Hearing Application, signed off by the Club President or Secretary, and enclosing the Appeal Fee of **\$250**. This fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld. Once the fee has been received a copy of the referee's send-off report will be provided to the club.

The application must also include all documentation relevant to the appeal i.e. player's statement and any witness statements. An appeal is not automatically accepted on receipt of appeal fee.

The Disciplinary Appeals Committee will review the submitted documentation to assess whether or not there is leave to appeal i.e. there are sufficient grounds to hear the appeal. The onus is on the appellant to provide sufficient argument in the documentation to convince the Disciplinary Appeals Committee that the appeal should be heard. Confirmation or dismissal of the appeal to be advised within 24 hours of receipt of appeal documentation. If an appeal is not granted the appeal fee will be returned.

An appeal from a Competition Administrator's disciplinary sanction must be heard by a Disciplinary Committee. When determining any appropriate sanction, a Disciplinary Committee may consider:

- a) The Match Officials reports;
- b) The nature and severity of the infringement;
- c) The offender's past record and whether or not this is a repeated Offence;
- d) The culpability of the offender (including whether or not the infringement was intentional, negligent or reckless);
- e) Any reasons prompting the offender to commit an infringement;
- f) The remorse of the offender; and
- g) Any extenuating circumstances.

For the avoidance of doubt an appeal against a decision in relation to a breach of the Competition Rules will not be allowed unless the club seeking to appeal satisfies Football CQ that one or more of the following grounds of appeal are involved:

- a) That significant new or additional evidence has become available
- b) That the penalty imposed is not in accordance with the provisions of these Rules
- c) That Football CQ failed to follow procedures or requirements of these Rules to the significant detriment of the club seeking to Appeal.

In hearing an appeal, the Disciplinary Appeals Committee has the power to overturn, confirm, increase or decrease the additional disciplinary sanction against which the appeal is made.

A party may appeal the Disciplinary Appeals Committee decision to Football CQ within 7 days of advice of the appeal decision.

#### **4.0 INFRINGEMENT OF 'THE LAWS OF THE GAME' (LOTG)**

For the purpose of these Disciplinary Regulations, an Infringement means an infringement of the Laws of the Game in accordance with the following codes:

**Minor Infringements – Yellow Card (Caution) Codes**

- A. Y1 is guilty of unsporting behaviour
- B. Y2 shows dissent by word or action
- C. Y3 persistently infringes the Laws of the Game
- D. Y4 delays the restart of play
- E. Y5 fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick or throw in
- F. Y6 enters or re-enters the field of play without the Referee’s permission
- G. Y7 deliberately leaves the field of play without the Referee’s permission
- H. Y8 denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity (DOGSO) by way of a direct free kick

**Serious Infringements – Red Card (Expulsion) Codes**

- I. R1 is guilty of serious foul play
- J. R2 is guilty of violent conduct
- K. R3 spits at an opponent or any other person
- L. R4 denies 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 or her own penalty area)
- M. R5 denies 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
- N. R6 uses offensive or insulting or abusive language and/or gestures
- O. R7 receives a second caution in the same match

A caution (or Yellow Card) is issued for a minor infringement of the Laws of the Game and is a warning from the Referee to a Player during a Match to sanction unsporting behaviour of a less serious nature.

A Referee may caution a Team Official at any time whilst occupying the Technical Area. [See clause 9.](#)

An expulsion is for a serious infringement of the Laws of the Game and is the order given by the Referee to someone to leave the vicinity of the field of play and the technical area, including the substitutes’ bench during a match. Expulsion takes the form of a red card for Players.

A Referee may expel a Team Official at any time whilst occupying the Technical Area. [See clause 10.](#)

A red card is regarded as a direct if it sanctions serious unsporting behaviour and indirect if it is the result of the accumulation of two (2) yellow cards in the same match.

Any yellow card or red card issued during a match is identified by the Referee on the Referee’s Report for that match, including the name and number of the Player, the Infringement and the time of commission of the Infringement.

A Substitute or Substituted Player will be sanctioned if they commit any of the following offences:

1. **Y1** Unsporting behaviour
2. **Y2** Dissent by word or action
3. **Y4** Delaying the restart of play
4. **R4** Denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball
5. **R5** Denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity by an offence punishable by a

## 6. Direct free kick

**5.0 SIN BIN (TEMPORARY DISMISSALS)**

Temporary dismissals ('sin bins') now apply in Football CQ competitions (from U13 upwards). Any player cautioned for dissent will be punished with a yellow card (as per existing Laws), and will also be required to leave the field for a period of:

- Ten (10) minutes, for matches greater than 60 minutes' duration;
- or Five (5) minutes, for matches of 60 minutes or less in duration.

The player can return to the field after the 'sin bin', but a second yellow card will result in the player being sent off.

- Players must follow the directions of the Match Officials on where best to wait out their time before being asked to return to the field of play.
- Players cannot return to the field of play without the permission of the Match Official.

This change is part of the International Football Association Board's (IFAB) 'Play Fair' initiative, which aims to make football fairer and more enjoyable, while promoting players and officials as positive role models for society.

The concept has previously been trialled in UEFA U16 tournaments, and is currently being implemented across 32 grassroots leagues in England.

The 'sin bin' will be in place for all senior and junior community league competitions throughout the FCQ zone.

**6.0 CITING A PARTICIPANT**

A Competition Administrator may cite a Participant to appear before its Disciplinary Committee in relation to:

- a) a red card; or
- b) a serious infringement that has escaped the Referee's attention.

A Disciplinary Committee may:

- a) Sanction a red card; or
- b) Sanction a serious infringement that has escaped the Referee's attention and
- c) On application from a Competition Administrator, rectify an obvious error in the Referee's disciplinary decision.

The following guidelines apply to determine whether a Referee's decision amounted to an obvious error under clause 4.2 of the NDR:

- a) A disciplinary decision must have been made by the Referee to issue a yellow card or a red card;
- b) It clearly must have been a wrong decision (such as a right decision against a wrong player or mistaken identity); and
- c) It must not have been a discretionary decision by a Referee as to whether an action was a foul or a yellow or red card.

## 7.0 DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS

The following Standard Suspensions will apply for each Offence, (the mandatory match suspension plus any additional disciplinary sanction):

OFFENCE	GRADE	MANDATORY MATCH SUSPENSION (non-appealable)	ADDITIONAL PENALTY (Appealable)	TOTAL (STANDARD) SUSPENSION
R1		1 Match	1 Match	2 Matches
R2	Grade 1	1 Match	1 Match	2 Matches
	Grade 2	2 Matches	2 Matches	4 Matches
	Grade 3	2 Matches	3 Matches + Review	5 Matches + Review
	Grade 4	2 Matches	+ Hearing	2 Matches + Hearing
R3	Grade 1	2 Matches	5 Matches	7 Matches
	Grade 2	2 Matches	+ Hearing	2 Matches + Hearing
R4		1 Match	Nil	1 Match
R5		1 Match	Nil	1 Match
R6	Grade 1	1 Match	1 Match	2 Matches
	Grade 2	2 Matches	4 Matches	6 Matches
	Grade 3	2 Matches	1 Match	3 Matches
	Grade 4	2 Matches	3 Matches	5 Matches
R7		1 Match	Nil	1 Match

## 8.0 ACCUMULATION OF YELLOW AND RED CARDS – MANDATORY MATCH SUSPENSION

- If a Player receives two (2) yellow cards during the same match and therefore receives a red card (indirect red card), the two yellow cards are expunged from their record. For the avoidance of doubt, two (2) yellow cards do not count to the Players accumulative record.
- If a Player receives a yellow card and then a direct red card in the same match, the yellow card will not be expunged and will be counted in the Player's accumulation of yellow cards.
- A Player who accumulates the following number of yellow cards during the course of the Competition must serve the following mandatory match suspension:

Five (5) yellow cards, equates to a one (1) mandatory match suspension;

For every three (3) yellow cards thereafter, a two (2) mandatory match suspension.  
For example, two (2) match suspension for eight (8) yellow Cards.

- d) The accumulation of yellow cards will be reset at the end of the last match of the pre-season, the competition proper and any finals series respectively. This means that yellow cards accumulated in a pre-season competition do not carry over to the competition proper and yellow cards accumulated in a competition do not carry over to any finals series. Match suspensions incurred as a result of the accumulation of yellow cards will not, however, be cancelled.
- e) A player who accumulates the following number of indirect or direct red cards during the course of the Competition or the Finals Series must serve the following mandatory match suspensions, in addition to the sanction for this offence:
  - 2nd direct/indirect Red Card, equates to one (1) additional match suspension;
  - 3rd occasion, equates to two (2) additional matches suspension; and
  - 4th occasion, equates to three (3) additional matches suspension.

**Note:** these additional matches are mandatory and cannot be appealed.

## 9.0 IMPLIMENTATION OF IFAB'S YC & RC SYSTEM – TECHNICAL AREAS

From 2018 the use of the Red Card and Yellow Card for team officials who behave irresponsibly will now be extended from a trial involving Hyundai A-League, Westfield W-League and Foxtel Y- League to include all levels of competition football.

The LOTG state that the occupants of the Technical Area must 'behave in a responsible manner'. A referee may take action against a Team Official who fails to conduct him or herself in a 'responsible manner' and can expel the Team Official from the field of play and its surrounds including the Technical Area. As with players, offences will be graded and related penalties applied.

As with players, a team official who accumulates five (5) Yellow Cards will receive a mandatory one (1) match suspension, in line with the National Disciplinary Regulations (*NDR's*).

Match Referees will use their judgement when deciding whether behaviour by a team official requires a warning (**Ask**), a caution (**Tell**) or a dismissal (**Remove**).

**Warning Offences (*Ask*)** – unacceptable behaviour may include, but is not limited to:

- a) Minor/low level disagreement (by word or by action) with a decision;
- b) Failing to co-operate with a Match Official eg. Ignoring a 4<sup>th</sup> Official's instruction/request;
- c) Persistent questioning of refereeing decisions;
- d) Entering the field of play in a respectful and non-confrontational manner (including attempting to assist in a non-confrontational situation); or
- e) Leaving the Technical Area in a non-confrontational manner (eg. Running down the touchline in excessive goal celebrations).

**Caution (YC) Offences (*Tell*)** – irresponsible behaviour may include, but is not limited to:

- f) Persistent/repeated unacceptable behaviour (included repeated warning offences);
- g) Dissent by word or by action including:
- h) Throwing/kicking drink bottles or other objects to show dissent (ie non-aggressive manner, not on the field, not at another person).
- i) Gestures which show a clear lack of respect for the Match Official/s (eg. sarcastic clapping)

- j) Gesturing or acting in a provocative, derisory or inflammatory way, including gesturing for a RC or YC to be shown;
- k) Clearly/persistently not respecting the confines of the team's Technical Area;
- l) Deliberately entering the technical area of the opposing team (non-confrontational);
- m) Delaying the restart of play by the team; or
- n) Showing a lack of respect for the game.

**Dismissal (RC) Offences (Remove) - serious** irresponsible behaviour may include, but is not limited to:

- o) Violent Conduct (including kicking or throwing a water bottle or other object in a dangerous or aggressive manner);
- p) Deliberately throwing/kicking an object on to the field of play;
- q) Physical or aggressive behaviour;
- r) Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures;
- s) Spitting at any person;
- t) Entering the field of play to interfere with play or an opposing player;
- u) Deliberately leaving the Technical Area to:
  - v) Act in a provocative or inflammatory manner;
  - w) Enter the opposing Technical Area in an aggressive or confrontational manner
- x) Delaying the restart of play by the opposing team e.g. holding on to the ball, kicking the ball away, or obstructing the movement of another player.
- y) Receiving a second YC in the same match.
- z) The Match Referee at his or her discretion, may caution or red card a Team Official without giving a 'warning'.

## 10.0 REMOVAL FROM THE TECHNICAL AREA

- a) Any person removed from the Technical Area during the course of a match at all levels of the game must move far enough away from the Technical Area so as not to be able to continue in their original role or any other role as a Team Official or Player. They must not interfere either physically or verbally with the match or the Match Officials from that point, until the completion of any mandatory or additional suspension.
- b) Any interference and/or further misconduct will be reported to Football CQ by the Match Official/s. The distance from the Technical Area is entirely at the discretion of the Match Referee or Ground Official, based on the structural configuration of each ground.
- c) A Team Official who has been expelled by a Match Referee must serve, as a minimum the mandatory suspension for the Offence committed.
- d) A Team Official who has been expelled by a Match Referee for the second time in a season must serve the minimum mandatory suspension for the Offence committed, plus an additional two (2) match suspension for being the second Offence.
- e) A Team Official who has been expelled by a Match Referee for the third time in a season must serve the minimum mandatory suspension for the Offence committed, plus an additional three (3) match suspension for being the third Offence.
- f) Any Team Official who uses offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures towards any Match Official(s) after being dismissed will incur at least an additional one (1) match suspension.

- g) Any Team Official, who fails to leave the Technical Area and/or move far enough away so as to not influence the match, runs the risk of the match being abandoned. The expelled Team Official will incur at least an additional one (1) match suspension and the result will be automatically awarded to the opposing team.
- h) Any further expulsions will be dealt with by the Football CQ Disciplinary Committee.

## 11.0 MISCONDUCT

All instances of players, officials or teams conducting themselves in a manner contravening the rules of the competition, or behaving in an unseemly manner likely to bring the game into disrepute, shall be investigated by Football CQ for consideration and subsequent action.

Football CQ may, consistent with the National Disciplinary Regulations (**NDR's**), FFA Statutes and/or Football Queensland By-Law 11, sanction a Club where the participants engage in Team Misconduct. Team Misconduct in relation to a Club is where:

- a) Five (5) of its Players are cautioned during a Competition match;
- b) Three (3) of its Participants are sent off or expelled during a Competition match;
- c) Its Participants 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; or
- d) Its Participants engage in a melee or brawl.

## 12.0 SUSPENSION NOTIFICATION & TIMEFRAMES

A match suspension means a ban from taking part in a match, either as a Player, a Team Official or a Match Official, or to attend the area immediately surrounding the field of play.

A fixture suspension imposed on a participant participating in eleven-a-side football, only affects the participant's participation in eleven-a-side football.

A suspension can either be a number of matches or for a specific period. If the suspension is for a number of matches, the number of matches specified in the suspension relate to the division of the competition in which the Player or Official incurred the suspension. Therefore a Player or Official under suspension is not permitted to play or be involved in that or any other division, whether Senior or Junior, until the day after the team in which they were representing when they incurred the suspension has played the relevant number of matches for which they were suspended.

Any match suspensions incurred by Players or Team Officials in any Football CQ competitive fixtures will be served consecutively, until such time as those suspensions are completed. If, at the conclusion of the Competition season, a Player or Team Official was still under suspension, then that suspension will carry over and will be served in the next competitive fixture(s) that Player or Team Official would normally be eligible to participate in.

For suspensions as a result of an indirect or direct red card, the imposition of a mandatory match suspension is immediate. For completeness, Football CQ will send a Disciplinary Infringement Notice notifying the Player or Team Official (through his or her Club) of the mandatory match suspension within four (4) days of the completion of the weekend. For the avoidance of doubt, the mandatory match suspension is effective regardless of whether or not the notice was received.

If Football CQ has determined that an Offence by a Player or a Team Official was such as to warrant a sanction in addition to the mandatory match suspension, a Disciplinary Infringement Notice notifying the Player or Team Official (through his or her Club) of the details of the Offence and of the

disciplinary sanction imposed will be forwarded within four (4) days of the completion of the weekend.

A participant subject to a Suspension as a result of an Indirect (2 Yellow Cards) or Direct Red Card Offence will serve that suspension imposed in his or her club's next competitive fixture(s) in a domestic competition. For the avoidance of doubt the Player's suspension is to be served in the Clubs next official match, be it in the same Competition in which the suspension was incurred or in another Competition in which the team next participates. If any fixture to which the suspension is applicable is not played for whatever reason, then the suspension period will automatically be extended to the next applicable fixture.

Competition Administrators are responsible for maintaining accumulative Yellow Card records from all matches played.

- a) Only Yellow Cards recorded on the official Match Record will be counted as accumulated;
- b) A warning letter will be issued to the Player (through his or her Club) when a player has accumulated 4, 7, 9 etc Yellow Cards;
- c) Offending Players, accumulating 5, 8, 10 etc Yellow Cards will be suspended and the Player (through his or her Club) will be sent a letter outlining the terms of his or her Suspension; and
- d) Clubs will receive written notification from Football CQ with regards the Accumulation of Yellow Cards on record. If a Club suspects their player/s have received the maximum number of accumulative cards, but no written communication has been received, they must advise the FQ Competitions Manager in writing ahead of any subsequent Competition Fixtures being played so the matter can be investigated.

Suspensions due to the Accumulation of Yellow Cards in any Football CQ Competition, will apply to the next Competition Fixture/s in which the suspended player's club competes in. For the avoidance of doubt, a player subject to a Suspension for the accumulation of Yellow Cards;

- a) Must serve that suspension exclusively in the Competition in which Yellow Cards were accumulated; and
- b) Is eligible to play in any other competition, event or tournament whilst serving that suspension. By way of example, a participant subject to a suspension for the accumulation of Yellow Cards in the CQ Premier League Competitions will be eligible to participate in the FFA Cup Competition whilst serving that suspension.

Suspensions incurred for dismissal from the Technical Area come into effect immediately.

### **12.1 Terms of Suspension**

While serving a suspension, a Participant (player or team official) may not:

- a) On the day of a Match, enter the field of play, the surrounds of the field of play, the Technical Area, the players' race, the dressing rooms or any other place within a venue where participants are likely to assemble to prepare for that match;
- b) If attending a Match, be seated in an area normally reserved for Participants; and
- c) Within two (2) hours of the start a Match from which the Participant is suspended and within one (1) hour of the conclusion of the match from which the participant is suspended have any contact with:
  - any media where the purpose is for electronic broadcast to the public, and

- any Participant while that Participant is in either the technical area or any other area where participants would normally occupy

## 12.2 Clarification

For the purposes of clarification, suspensions incurred by players shall apply to all football, with the following exceptions. During any period of suspension a player shall be able to play in:

- (a) Representative matches
- (b) Friendly matches

## 12.3 Effect of Abandoned/Cancelled/Forfeited Matches

Only those matches actually played count towards the execution of a Suspension. If a match is abandoned, cancelled or forfeited, a suspension is only considered to be served if the team to which the suspended Player or Official belongs is not responsible for the facts that led to the abandonment, cancellation or forfeit.

## 13.0 SANCTIONS UNDER FFA STATUTES

Subject to these Regulations, the following disciplinary sanctions may be imposed against a Club:

- a) a reprimand;
- b) a fine;
- c) place the Club on a bond;
- d) a deduction or loss of competition points;
- e) ban on the registration or transfer of any Players for a specified period of time;
- f) annulment of registration of a Player;
- g) suspension from participation in an A-League Match or Matches;
- h) exclusion, suspension or expulsion from the A-League;
- i) playing a match without spectators or on neutral territory;
- j) a ban on playing in a particular stadium;
- k) annulment of the result of the match; or
- l) such other disciplinary sanctions or measures as is appropriate in all the circumstances, including as prescribed in the FIFA Statutes.

Subject to these Regulations, the following disciplinary sanctions may be imposed against a Participant:

- a) a reprimand;
- b) a fine;
- c) return of award;
- d) place the individual on a bond;
- e) ban on registration of Player with any Club for a specified period of time;
- f) annulment of registration of a Player;
- g) suspension from participation in an A-League match or matches;
- h) suspension or expulsion from the A-League;
- i) suspension or cancellation of licence or accreditation, including Licensed Player Agent's licence or coaching accreditation'
- j) termination of registration of playing contract
- k) a ban from the dressing rooms and/or the substitutes' bench;
- l) a ban from entering a stadium
- m) ban on taking part in any football related activity; or

- n) such other disciplinary sanctions or measures as is appropriate in all the circumstances, including as prescribed in the FIFA Statutes.

The scope, duration and implementation of sanctions are as specified in the National Grievance Resolution Regulations and as determined by FCQ. In accordance with the Grievance Resolution Regulations, a failure to comply with a determination of a Judicial Body is itself a breach of these Statutes.

## 14.0 MATCH & INCIDENT REPORTS

Immediately following a Football CQ sanctioned match, a Referee must submit to Football CQ via Football Queensland's Online Reporting system (Jotform) a Referee's Report recording any disciplinary action taken during a match. The Referee and other Match Officials should also, and particularly when requested by Football CQ, submit to Football CQ an incident report with details of the incident giving rise to the disciplinary action, or any other incident that may occurred before, during or after a Football CQ sanctioned match.

Any delays in Reporting disciplinary offences may result in a serious offence not being dealt with appropriately.

A referee or assistant referee shall submit an Incident Report in the following cases:

- a. Dismissal of a Team Official from the Technical Area
- b. Assault or harassment experienced during and /or after a match
- c. Any other matter not covered above

## 15.0 PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

A suspension incurred by a player through the accumulation of yellow cards will not render that player ineligible for any such award. However a suspension incurred by a player as a result of red card send off in a fixture match will render that player ineligible for any such award.

## 16.0 DISCIPLINARY FINES

16.1 Senior Competitions (Male and Female) disciplinary fines shall be imposed against clubs on the following basis:

Accumulated Yellow Cards (in the same season)

- Five yellow cards accumulated by the same player: \$40.00
- Next Three yellow cards (Eight (8) in total) accumulated by the same player: \$30.00
- Next Two yellow cards (Ten (10) in total) accumulated by the same player: \$20.00
- Next One yellow card (Eleven (11) in total) accumulated by the same player: \$10.00

Indirect Red Cards

- Indirect red card (2 yellows in the same game) incurred by a player: \$25.00

Accumulated Red Cards (in the same season)

- First direct red card incurred by a player: \$50.00
- Second direct red card incurred by the same player: \$75.00
- Third or subsequent direct red card incurred by the same player: \$100.00

Team Discipline

Five (5) or more players from one team are cautioned or sent off during a match or Three (3) or more players from one team are sent off during a match

- First offence by a team: warning
- Second offence by the same team: \$250.00
- Third offence by the same team: \$500.00

16.2 Senior and Junior Competitions (Male and Female) disciplinary fines shall be imposed against clubs on the following basis:

Accumulated Dismissals from the Technical Area (in the same season)

- First offence by a team official: \$250.00
- Second offence by the same team official: \$500.00
- Third offence by the same team official: \$1000.00

16.3 All fines imposed under these Regulations must be paid within 14 days of the date on which the fine is imposed unless otherwise agreed by Football CQ. A full list of fines is provided in the FCQ Fines & Penalties Policy (Appendix A of the Competition Rules).

16.4 A Participant cannot take part in any match until a fine imposed on him/her under these Regulations is paid in full. This means that if a match suspension is combined with a fine, the suspension is prolonged until the fine is paid in full.

16.5 A fine cannot be issued against an Amateur.

16.6 A Club is solely liable for a fine imposed on one of its Participants in the event that a Participant is an Amateur (even if that Participant subsequently leaves that Club).

16.7 Monies collected from clubs for disciplinary penalties shall be deposited into the FCQ Future Fund account.

## 17 GRADING OF OFFENCES

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|----|---------|---|
| R2 | Grade 1 | Pushing with no punches thrown  |
|    | Grade 2 | Striking, kicking, elbowing or head-butting (including attempting these offences) |
|    | Grade 3 | Intends to cause significant bodily harm to any person, involvement in a brawl    |
|    | Grade 4 | Against a match official  |
| R3 | Grade 1 | At a player or other person   |
|    | Grade 2 | At a match official   |
| R6 | Grade 1 | Against a player or other person  |
|    | Grade 2 | Discriminatory language   |
|    | Grade 3 | Against a match official  |
|    | Grade 4 | Unsporting conduct toward a match official  |

## 18 ASSAULTS ON MATCH OFFICIALS

Guidelines for Disciplinary Sanctions to be imposed for assaults on match officials.

### CATEGORY 1 OFFENCE

*Deliberately* striking a match official by way of physical contact with any part of the body or the use of any object.

Sanction:

6 months to 10 years suspension from all facets of the game (for a Player or Team Official)

\$5000 fine on Club (for a Club Official or Club Supporter)

### CATEGORY 2 OFFENCE

*Attempting* to strike a match official by way of physical contact with any part of the body or the use of any object.

Sanction:

6 months to 3 years suspension from all facets of the game (for a Player or Team Official)

\$1500 fine on Club (for a Club Official or Club Supporter)

### CATEGORY 3 OFFENCE

Spitting at or on a match official.

Sanction:

12 months to 18 months suspension from all facets of the game (for a Player or Team Official).

\$1000 fine on Club (for a Club Official or Club Supporter)

### CATEGORY 4 OFFENCE

Deliberate physical contact with a match official not covered in categories 1, 2 or 3.

Such conduct would include, but is not limited to, deliberately pushing a match official.

Sanction:

5 matches to 2 years suspension from all facets of the game (for a Player or Team Official)

\$500 fine on Club (for a Club Official or Club Supporter)

The National Disciplinary Regulations are available on both the [FCQ](#) and the [FFA Websites](#) or contact the FCQ Office for a hard copy.

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**DISCIPLINARY APPEAL HEARING APPLICATION**

*Please note all correspondence will be through the appellant's club executive*

**APPLICANT DETAILS:**

Club Name:	Contact Name & Title:
Preferred Contact Phone No:	Email:

**DETAILS OF APPEAL:**

Appellant's Name (player/official sanctioned):	Match:
Date of Match:	Sanction Imposed:

**GROUND FOR APPEAL:**

Grounds for appeal must be provided. Please attach paperwork to be forwarded to the Disciplinary Appeals Committee. Please note all correspondence will be through the appellant's club executive

**TIMEFRAME AND COSTS:**

This application must be lodged to Football Central Queensland as per Appendix F, Clause 3.7. Applicant must also enclose appeal fee of **\$250.00** which may be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

Appeal fee of \$250.00 enclosed (please circle)      YES    NO

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT**

**I warrant that the information contained in this Application Form is true and correct.**

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date appeal received	<input type="checkbox"/>	____/____/2019
Club Notified of Appeal hearing and details	<input type="checkbox"/>	____/____/2019
Documentation Sent to Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	____/____/2019
Received Evidence from Appellant to be relied on during Appeal	<input type="checkbox"/>	____/____/2019
Club notified of results of Appeal	<input type="checkbox"/>	____/____/2019