

3. FNQ FOOTBALL DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS - 2016

3.1 COMPETITION

a) These Disciplinary Rules are set by FNQ Football as the Competition Administrator and supplement the National Disciplinary Regulations in accordance with clause 1.2 of those Regulations.

3.2 SANCTIONS

a) The application of sanctions to be issued to Participants for direct red cards will be in accordance with the range of sanctions outlined in Section 15 Fines and Sanctions of the 2016 FNQ Football Competition Rules and in conjunction with the [National Disciplinary Regulations](#) and where a Player receives an indirect red card, he will serve a Mandatory Match Suspension of one (1) match.

a1) Any sanction issued will apply to the whole of the next competition round across all grades, for an example a player who has been suspended from the 2nd Division Competition in Rd 3 will not be eligible to participate in any round of any competition until Rd 5. A player dismissed on Friday night in Rd 3 cannot participate in any further Rd 3 competition nor compete in any Rd 4 competition.

b) A Player who accumulates the following number of yellow cards during the course of the Competition must serve the following Mandatory Match Suspension:

- i. Five (5) yellow cards, equates to a one (1) match suspension;
- ii. For every three (3) yellow cards thereafter, a two (2) match suspension.
(For example, two (2) match suspension for eight (8) yellow cards).

c) A Player who accumulates the following number of yellow cards during the course of the Final Series must serve the following Mandatory Match Suspension:

- i. Two (2) yellow cards, equates to a one (1) match suspension.

d) A Player who accumulates the following number of direct or indirect red cards during the course of the Competition or the Final Series must serve the following Mandatory Match Suspensions, in addition to any sanction for the offence.

- i. 1st occasion, equates to a one (1) match suspension;
- ii. Any subsequent occasion, equates to a two (2) match suspension.

3.3 MISCONDUCT

a) Clubs must ensure that their Participants do not engage in Team Misconduct. The Competition Administrator may, consistent with the FFA Statutes, sanction a Club who's Participants engage in Team Misconduct.

b) Team Misconduct in relation to a Club is where:

- i. Five (5) of its Players are cautioned or sent off during a sanctioned match;
- ii. Three (3) of its Participants are sent off or expelled during a sanctioned match;
- iii. 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
- iv. Its Participants engage in a melee or brawl.

3.4 CODE OF CONDUCT

a) The published FFA Code of Conduct aims to promote and strengthen the reputation of football in Australia by establishing a standard of performance, behavior and professionalism for its participants and stakeholders.

b) Any breach of the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action and the imposition of sanctions by the Competition Administrator in accordance with the provisions outlined in the Code.

3.5 NOTIFICATION AND TIMEFRAMES

- a) The imposition of a mandatory match suspension is immediate. The Competition Administrator will send a Disciplinary Infringement Notice notifying the Player or Team Official (through the Club) of the mandatory match suspension within five (5) 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.
- b) If the Competition Administrator 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 the Club) of the details of the Offence and of the disciplinary sanction imposed will be forwarded within five (5) days of the completion of the weekend.

3.6 TERMS OF SUSPENSION

- a) While serving a suspension, a Participant (player or team official) may not:
 - i. 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;
 - ii. If attending a Match, be seated in an area normally reserved for Participants;
 - iii. Within one hour of the start of match from which the Participant is suspended and within one hour of the conclusion of the match from which the Participant is suspended have any contact with any 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;
 - iv. Within one hour of the start of match from which the Participant is suspended and within one hour of the conclusion of the match from which the Participant is suspended have any contact with any Participant.
- b) Any suspension from the Finals Series (or the competition fixtures if not already served in the Finals series) will carry forward into the following season and will be served in competition fixtures.
- c) If a suspension is to be served in terms of matches, only those matches actually played count towards the execution of the suspension. A bye or a match forfeited by the participant's team does not count towards the execution of the suspension.

3.7 DISCIPLINARY HEARING PROCEDURES

- a) Except in the case of obvious error there is no appeal from a mandatory match suspension.
- b) A Club, Player or a Team Official may appeal the disciplinary sanction imposed in a Disciplinary Infringement Notice by notifying the Competition Administrator in writing within seven (7) days after the date on which the Disciplinary Infringement Notice was received, outlining the reasons for the appeal and enclosing the Appeal Fee of \$200. This fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.
- c) 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:
 - i. The nature and severity of the infringement;
 - ii. The offender's past record and whether or not this is a repeated Offence;
 - iii. The culpability of the offender (including whether or not the infringement was intentional, negligent or reckless);
 - iv. Any reasons prompting a the offender to commit an infringement;
 - v. The remorse of the offender; and
 - vi. Any extenuating circumstances.

3.8 SANCTIONS UNDER FFA STATUTES

a) Subject to these Regulations, the following disciplinary sanctions may be imposed against a Club or a Participant: For an up to date list of the disciplinary sanctions check here

[National Disciplinary Regulations](#)