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1 Definitions

In these Rules the following words, terms and phrases shall have the following meanings:

"Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of Football Federation Tasmania Ltd.

"By Laws" shall mean the By Laws promulgated by Football Federation Tasmania in accordance with the Constitution.

"Club" shall have the same meaning as defined in the Constitution and in addition include unincorporated bodies entered into Football Federation Tasmania competitions.

"Chief Executive Officer" shall mean the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) from time to time of the Company.

"Company" shall mean Football Federation Tasmania Ltd.

"Constitution" shall mean the Constitution of Football Federation Tasmania Ltd.

"Disciplinary Code" means the disciplinary code contained within the Competition Rules of Football Federation Tasmania Ltd.

"FIFA" shall mean the Federation of International Football Associations.

"Home team" shall mean the team named first in any written match fixture published by the Company.

"Match" shall mean any match played in any competition conducted by or under the auspices of the Company

"Offences" shall mean behaving contrary to or not in accordance with these Rules or the Constitution or By Laws.

"Participant" shall have the same meaning as Participant Members and Registered Participants as defined in the Constitution and include clubs, registered players and or officials.

"Playing year" shall mean period of twelve months between the 1st day of November and the 31st day of October the following year.

"Rules" shall mean the competition rules of Football Federation Tasmania Ltd.

2 Commencement of Rules

These Rules shall come into effect on the date on which the Board shall resolve to adopt them and they shall replace all other rules, which prior to that date had been adopted by the Company.

3 Compliance with Rules

These Rules are to be read in conjunction with the National Registration Regulations, National Disciplinary Regulations, FFA Code of Conduct and FFA Grievance Resolution Regulations. Where there is any inconsistency between the Competition Rules and the National Regulations, the National Regulations will apply to the extent of the inconsistency.

Each Club of Football Federation Tasmania Ltd shall comply with these Rules and such other rules and directions as from time to time may be adopted or made by the Company.

Subject to the Constitution and By-Laws, any Club competing in a Company competition that shall breach or fail to comply with any of these Rules, or such other rule or direction adopted or given by the Board, shall be liable to disciplinary action as may be determined by the Board.

If it is considered that clubs, registered players and or officials have breached or failed to comply with the Football Federation Tasmania Ltd Rules, By Laws and Constitution, they may be charged accordingly and a hearing may be held as appropriate to deal with the alleged charge(s).

4 Disciplinary System

For the purposes of this Rule, the term “Company” does not include either the Tribunal or Appeals Board.

4.1 General (all competitive leagues)

Any breach of the FIFA Laws of the Game, Football Federation Tasmania Ltd Constitution, By Laws and Football Federation Tasmania Ltd Competition Rules shall be dealt with, where applicable, with the imposition of either:

- a) Caution (yellow card)
- b) Expulsion (red card)
- c) Misconduct charge against a participant in accordance with the provisions of these Competition Rules.

4.2 Caution (Yellow Card Offences)

- a) A caution (Yellow card) is a warning from the referee to a player during a match to sanction unsporting behaviour of a less serious nature (Law 12 of the FIFA Laws of the Game).
- b) Two cautions received during the same match will incur an expulsion (indirect red card and, consequently, automatic suspension from the next match). The two cautions that incurred the red card are rescinded.
- c) If a player is guilty of a sending off offence as defined in Law 12 of the Laws of the Game and is sent off, any other caution he has previously received in the same match is upheld. The only exception to this is for the case of an indirect red card as per 4.2 (b).

4.3 Administration of Cautions

The Company will regulate and record cautions (yellow cards) as follows:

- a) When a player accumulates five (5) cautions during the same season, they will receive a one-match suspension, as determined by the Company.
- b) The Company will notify clubs whose players are suspended giving a minimum of three (3) days notice before the next rostered match.
- c) If any player receives an additional three (3) cautions (that is, eight (8) cautions in the same season), they will receive a further one (1) match suspension.
- d) If any player receives an additional two (2) cautions (that is, ten (10) cautions in the same season) they will receive a further one (1) match

suspension and be required to appear before the Tribunal. The Tribunal will decide whether to suspend the player for the rest of the season.

4.4 Expulsion (Red Card Offences)

- a) An expulsion is the order given by the referee to someone to leave the field of play and its surroundings, including the substitutes' bench, during a match.
- b) Expulsion takes the form of a red card for players. The red card is regarded as direct if it sanctions serious unsporting behaviour as defined by Law 12 of the FIFA Laws of the Game; it is regarded as indirect if it is the result of an accumulation of two yellow cards.
- c) A player shall be deemed to have served a suspension in full when the team in which the player was playing when suspended has played the equal amount of games as the player's suspension allocated, and the round of matches for that week has been fully completed, even if served in a match that is later abandoned and/or cancelled. The player may not play in any other games sanctioned by the Company during the period of their suspension.
- d) The match referee shall record the player's identification number and lodge the send-off report and/or misconduct form with the Company.
- e) The Company will impose a fine for send-off offences in the competition. The amount of the fine shall be \$25.00 for the first, \$50.00 for the second and \$100.00 for the third send off offence. Any subsequent offences shall incur a fine determined by the Company.
- f) Any player sent off the field of play on two (2) occasions in the same season, will incur an additional one (1) match suspension. This suspension cannot be appealed and must be served immediately after the automatic game suspension as defined in the Fixed Penalty System.
- g) Any player sent off the field of play on three or more occasions in the same season will incur an additional two (2) match suspension, on top of the fixed penalty handed down by the Company. This suspension cannot be appealed and must be served immediately after the automatic game suspension. The player will be required to appear before the Tribunal. The Tribunal will decide whether to suspend the player for the rest of the season.
- h) Expulsions (red-cards) will be governed by the Fixed Penalty System.

Fixed Penalty System

The Fixed Penalty System shall apply to all expulsion (red card offences) incurred in the Company competition season.

The Company reserves the right to refer any send-off report to the Tribunal for determination, which may result in the penalty being increased above the fixed penalty suspension specified.

A player who receives a red-card in a Company fixture shall be subject to the suspensions at Schedule 1.

4.5 Tribunal request against fixed penalty (Player send-offs)

- a) A Club whose player has been expelled (red-card) and suspended in accordance with the Fixed Penalty System may lodge a Tribunal Request. The Tribunal Request may only relate to the severity of the additional fixed penalty. The Tribunal cannot dismiss the expulsion (red-card) and/or automatic one (1) game suspension from the player's record.
- b) The Tribunal Request will give the Club and player an opportunity to present to the Tribunal a case for the reduction of the fixed penalty (except for the automatic game suspension).
- c) The Club must lodge with the Company within five (5) days of notification of the fixed penalty:
 - i) a letter under club letterhead and signed by the Club secretary outlining the intention of the Tribunal Request;
 - ii) a payment of a fee of \$100.00 (GST incl).
- d) Any Tribunal Request that is successful in reducing the penalty, partly, or wholly, will have 50% of the fee refunded.
- e) The Company will not accept a Tribunal Request that fails to meet all the requirements as specified under 4.5(c).
- f) Once a player has served the automatic one game suspension, then the player will be eligible to play pending the outcome of the Tribunal decision.

4.6 Match suspensions

- a) A suspension from a match is a ban on taking part in a future match or competition or to attend it in the area immediately surrounding the field of play.
- b) The suspension is imposed in terms of matches/games, days, months or years.
- c) Suspensions incurred by players in this competition shall be served in consecutive fixtures, until such time as those suspensions are completed (and may carry over to the subsequent season/s).
- d) Should a player be suspended in another competition and/or with another affiliated organization (excluding International and

Representative Teams), that player will serve the suspension accordingly in the Company Competition.

4.7 Misconduct

- a) The Company may initiate an investigation into any matter considered relevant to whether a participant may have committed an offence.
- b) The investigation may be initiated on the basis of a match official/s report, a club complaint, video evidence that may be available, a report from any other relevant person or on the initiative of the Company administration.
- c) Where there has been a report or a matter, which could constitute a serious breach of FIFA laws of the game, the Constitution, By Laws or Rules, the Company may appoint an Investigating Officer.
- d) Participants shall comply with all reasonable requests made to them by the Investigating Officer or the Company for the purposes of an investigation. A failure or refusal to comply with a request, without reasonable excuse, shall constitute misconduct and hence be capable of being heard, upon charge, before the Tribunal.
- e) The Company reserves the right to decide whether any alleged breach of the FIFA Laws of the Game, the Constitution, By Laws and Rules or registration and transfer procedures is to be referred to the Tribunal as a *Misconduct Charge* or dealt with by the *Misconduct Fixed Penalty System* or whether no action is to be taken.

4.8 Misconduct charges

The Company reserves the right to charge Participants with misconduct or with behaviour prejudicial to the interests of the game and/or the Company, which shall be heard and determined by the Tribunal. The alleged misconduct or behaviour prejudicial to the interests of the game may include, but shall not be limited to breaches of the FIFA Laws of the Game, the Constitution, By Laws and Rules, and the Registration and Transfer Procedures.

4.9 Misconduct fixed penalties

- a) The Company has adopted a Misconduct Fixed Penalty System that may be applied to allegations of misconduct.
- b) The Misconduct Fixed Penalty System sets out minimum penalties for each breach.
- c) The Company shall investigate alleged breaches detailed in a Misconduct Report, Incident Report and/or any other relevant evidence presented. The Company may then issue any one of or a combination of misconduct fixed penalties.

- d) A Misconduct Fixed Penalty Notice shall clearly particularise the alleged conduct upon which the Notice is based.
- e) The Company reserves the right to refer any misconduct charge to the Tribunal but reserves the right to withdraw any charge on the basis of insufficient evidence.

4.10 Tribunal request against misconduct fixed penalty

- a) The Misconduct Fixed Penalties outline the minimum penalty for each offence. Parties that have been issued with a Misconduct Fixed Penalty cannot request a Tribunal hearing against the severity of the penalty under any circumstances.
- b) Parties that have been issued with a Misconduct Fixed Penalty can lodge a Tribunal Request against the finding of guilt only. Accordingly, such parties must enter a not guilty plea. There shall be no leniency or reduction in the penalty by the Tribunal or the Company for a guilty plea or a guilty finding. If the Tribunal finds the club guilty of the charge, then the tribunal may only confirm or increase the initial penalty.
- c) A Tribunal Request against the Misconduct Fixed Penalty must be lodged with the Company within five (5) days of notification of the penalty. The Tribunal Request must be on club letterhead, must clearly outline the basis for pleading not guilty to the charge/s, and be signed by the club secretary. A payment of \$200.00 must accompany each Tribunal Request.
- d) The payment of \$200.00 shall be fully refundable when a Tribunal Request against the misconduct fixed penalty is successful.
- e) Once a club formally lodges a Tribunal Request against the Misconduct Fixed Penalties, no penalties issued under the Misconduct Fixed Penalty System shall be imposed while the Tribunal is pending.

4.11 Tribunal

- a) A Tribunal will be convened to determine issues referred to it by the Company.
- b) The procedures used by the Tribunal in hearing an issue will be consistent with the procedures mandated in the FFA Grievance Resolution Regulations.
- c) [deleted]
- d) The Tribunal shall consist of at least two (2) persons appointed by the Board. Employees of the Company and members of the Appeals Board may not be appointed to the Tribunal.
- e) Participants summoned to appear before the Tribunal must attend when advised, otherwise the charges will be determined in their absence. The Tribunal reserves the right to fine a Participant that fails to appear.

- f) Pursuant to 4.11(e) a Participant may write to the Company outlining a valid reason for not appearing before the Tribunal and agreeing to the charge being determined in their absence. In this situation the Participant must present a plea (guilty or not guilty) and may outline a defence to the charge.
- g) Participants shall comply with all reasonable requests made to them by the Tribunal. Failure to do so will constitute a misconduct.

4.12 Appeals Board

- a) The Company will appoint an Appeals Board to hear appeals against the decisions of the Tribunal.
- b) The procedures used by the Tribunal in hearing an issue will be consistent with the procedures mandated in the FFA Grievance Resolution Regulations.
- c) The Appeals Board shall consist of at least two (2) persons appointed by the Board. Employees of the Company and members of the Tribunal may not be appointed to the Appeals Board.
- d) Legal practitioners shall not act as advocates for respondents or the Company.
- e) Participants summoned to appear before the Appeals Board must attend when advised; otherwise the charges will be determined in their absence. The Appeals Board reserves the right to fine a Participant that fails to appear.
- f) Pursuant to 4.12(e) a Participant may write to the Company outlining a valid reason for not appearing before the Appeals Board and agreeing to the charge being determined in their absence. In this situation the Participant must outline a defence against the charge.
- g) Participants shall comply with all reasonable requests made to them by the Tribunal. Failure to do so will constitute misconduct.
- h) The decisions of the Appeals Board shall be final and binding on all parties.

4.13 Procedure for lodging an appeal

- a) A notice of appeal must be lodged with the Company within five (5) days of notification of the Tribunal decision. The notice must be on club letterhead and be accompanied by a \$500 appeal fee.
- b) If the appeal is upheld, or is successful in reducing the penalty, partly, or wholly, the appellant will have 50% of the fee refunded.
- c) All applications for appeal must state the grounds of the appeal as well as include supporting documentation.

- d) Appeals may only be initiated by Clubs or the Company.
- e) No matter from the Tribunal may be brought to the Appeals Board unless:
 - i) The disciplinary process has not been complied with or;
 - ii) Procedural fairness has been denied to the appellant or;
 - iii) The Tribunal's decision is in breach of the Constitution, By Laws or FIFA Statutes and Regulations or;
 - iv) The Tribunal's penalty is either manifestly inadequate or excessive.

4.14 Misbehaviour by Supporters/Fans

- a) Clubs are responsible for the behaviour of their supporters.
- b) The home team has responsibility for evicting supporters or fans that do not adhere to the conditions of entry to the ground, especially with respect to the possession or consumption of alcohol.
- c) The possession and/or lighting of flares or other flammable objects or the throwing of objects is strictly prohibited at all fixtures.
- d) Any behaviour that creates danger, nuisance, serious annoyance or is of offensive nature is strictly prohibited at all fixtures.
- e) The Home Team is responsible for admission into the ground. The Home Team may prevent entry to the ground and may evict any person suspected of being in possession or to have been in possession of flares, flammable objects or other items that are capable of creating danger, nuisance or serious annoyance at a fixture.
- f) Any Club whose supporters, members or patrons have been found to be in breach of (b), (c) or (d) above, will be held fully accountable for the actions of their supporters, members or patrons. Clubs found to be in breach of (b), (c) or (d) shall be fined \$500.00 for each offence.
- g) If the Home Team is found to have not reasonably carried out its responsibilities stated above, it shall be fined \$500.00.
- h) Each Club must take steps to ensure that their supporters, members or patrons are made aware of these prohibitions and do not breach these requirements, regardless of whether they are playing at home or away.
- i) The Company reserves the right to take further disciplinary action if it deems that it is necessary.

4.15 Payment of Fines

All fines imposed for breaches of the Disciplinary System will be invoiced to and be payable by the club for which the Participant who has breached the rules is registered.

5 Team Nomination, Payment of Fees and Fines

- a) Subject to these Rules each club shall pay to the Company a team nomination fee. Company may prescribe such team nomination fees as from time to time it deems appropriate. Such team nomination fees to be payable within the time specified by the Company.
- b) It is a requirement that all Team Nominations forms lodged for Senior Male and Female competitions, plus the youth competitions shall include a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) team application fee.
- c) The one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be deducted from the team nomination fee provided the team participates in the nominated competition.
- d) Any club withdrawing a team from the competition that has been entered and accepted for that competition by the Company shall lose all or part of its nomination fee as the Board may determine and shall be liable to such fine or other penalty as the Board may prescribe.
- e) The Company will advise clubs of the payment requirements of team nomination fees prior to the season commencing
- f) Except as may be otherwise prescribed in these Rules all monies due and payable to the Company by a Participant shall be paid within thirty (30) days of being invoiced. All accounts that are sixty (60) days or more overdue shall incur an interest charge at the rate of 10% per annum as per the Company Credit Policy.
- g) Once outstanding debts to Football Federation Tasmania Ltd reach 90 days, all teams in the club will no longer accrue points for any further games, until such time that the debt has been paid.
- h) The Australian Government has confirmed that GST is payable on all team nominations, player registrations, and player insurance imposed by the Company. GST shall be included in all invoices.

6 Intrastate and Interstate Matches

- a) At all times during a playing year a Club shall make its players available for such interstate, intrastate or representative matches as may from time to time be conducted, organised or controlled by the Company.
- b) If a member wishes to send a team overseas, such member shall provide the Company with full details of its proposed itinerary together with supporting letters from the governing body proposed to be visited, and upon receipt of such material written permission for the visit shall be obtained by the Company from Football Federation of Australia in accordance with FIFA Rules and Regulations.
- c) No member shall send a team to play any match interstate without first obtaining the written consent of the Company.
- d) The Company may in its absolute discretion refuse to give its approval for a member to send a team interstate and shall not be required to give any reason for such refusal.
- e) No member shall host a match against an interstate team without first obtaining the written consent of the Company. Written consent will only be given to matches or tournaments that adhere to FIFA Laws of the Game. No variations to the FIFA Laws will be approved.
- f) The Company may in its absolute discretion refuse to give approval for a member to host a match or competition against any opposition and shall not be required to give any reason for such refusal.

7 Managers

7.1 Match Managers

a) All clubs shall nominate a match manager who shall perform such duties as listed below and as shall be directed from time to time by the Company.

7.2 Match day requirements

a) Match Manager to be provided by the home Club and identified to the Referee.

b) Match Manager to wear recognised and identifiable jacket, plus name of match manager to be affixed to referee's change room door.

7.3 The Duties of the Match Manager

a) Ensure that the Team Manager is provided with balls that meet the standard and requirements as laid down in the duties of the Team Manager.

b) Ensure that an appropriate stretcher is readily available and that the stretcher complies with any relevant by-law or health regulation as may be laid down from time to time.

c) Ensure that the technical area is properly defined as laid down in the laws and rules.

d) Ensure that all gate personnel and other persons assisting at the venue are fully conversant with their duties.

e) Have available to them a means of summoning the Police or Ambulance or other such civic personnel as may be required in the event of an emergency. (eg burst water main, loss of electricity supply, loss of keys)

f) Be responsible for the good order and behaviour of spectators.

g) Assist Match Officials where required. (eg organise assistant referee's)

7.4 Team Managers

All clubs shall nominate a team manager for each team who shall perform such duties as listed below and as shall be directed from time to time by the Company.

7.5 The Duties of the Team Manager

- a) Ensure that match balls which comply with the requirements of the Laws of the game and competition rules are provided to the referee at least 15 minutes prior to scheduled kick-off time.
- b) Ensure that the fully completed team sheet is provided to the referee at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off time.

7.6 Breaches of Rule 7

A failure of a Team Manager to fulfill their duties will result in a fine of \$100 being imposed. A failure of a Match Manager to fulfill their duties will result in a fine of \$300 being imposed.

8 Officials

- a) Where at any match there is an absence of either a referee or assistant referee, the Home team shall be required to provide a referee or assistant referee as the case may be for that match.
- b) In the case where two assistant referees are required, it is the responsibility of both teams competing to provide an assistant referee.
- c) If a referee and two assistant referees are required the home club is responsible for providing the referee and one assistant referee, and the away team one assistant referee.

9 Grounds

- a) No matches shall be played on grounds which have not first been approved by the Company and it shall be the responsibility of each Club to make available at all times during a playing year at least one ground which has been approved by the Company.
- b) Notwithstanding a ground that has been approved by the Company that ground may at any time during a playing year be deemed unplayable either by the Company or the Club to whom it belongs.
- c) If a ground is deemed unplayable by the Club to whom it belongs at any time before a match is scheduled to be played on it, the Club shall immediately notify the Company of its decision to deem the ground unplayable, and if possible, the match shall be rescheduled to another ground.
- d) The Company may at any time appoint a person or persons as ground inspectors and assign such duties and powers in respect of grounds to that person or persons as it may from time to time determine.
- e) Any breach of these rules may result in fines being imposed on the offending parties.

9.1 Team benches

- a) Only currently registered players, coaches /managers and officials are allowed to sit on the bench during matches. All must be named on the team sheet submitted to the referee fifteen (15) minutes before the scheduled match commencement time.
- b) A maximum of seven (7) persons only are allowed to sit on the bench at any one time. These seven (7) persons to be four (4) substitutes and three (3) other registered club officials.
- c) Seating shall be supplied and placed in position by the home team in sufficient quantity to seat seven (7) persons from each side.
- d) Smoking is prohibited on the team bench and the technical area.

9.2 Pitch exclusion zone

- a) All persons apart from those named on the relevant team sheets, referees or assistant referees, must be behind fences surrounding enclosed pitches or a minimum of two (2) metres away from all sidelines or four (4) metres from all goal lines at all matches. Such an area shall be termed the "pitch exclusion zone"
- b) Those grounds that are not enclosed are required to have marked a secondary line outside the field of play, preferably in an alternate colour identifying the pitch exclusion line.

9.3 Ground marking, goals and dressing rooms

- a) In all matches sanctioned by the Company the home team is responsible to ensure that the ground markings as per FIFA Regulations are precise and clear and in paint –no lime product is to be used for line marking.
- b) All portable goals must be secured as per the Standards Australia guidelines, *HB227-2003 Portable Football Goalposts Safety Handbook*. All fixed goals must be properly secured and not have any sharp edges.
- c) Nets and corner posts must be provided and conform to the laws of the game.
- d) All clubs should aim to have two dressing rooms and a separate referee's dressing room each equipped with showers and toilets that must be maintained at an adequate standard of hygiene and convenience.

9.4 Ground size

- a) Premier, Premier Reserves, Division One and Premier Women grounds have to be a minimum of 90 metres in length and 60 metres in width and Maximum of 120 metres in length and 90 metres in width.
- b) For all other competitions, grounds must meet the minimum and maximum standards as set by FIFA Regulations.

10 Abandoned Matches

- a) Should a match be abandoned after 65 minutes of play, the score shall stand unless the abandonment of the match is the consequence of disciplinary or similar action taken by the referee, and in such case the Company shall determine whether the score shall stand.
- b) If the match is abandoned on or before the 65th minute of play, the match shall be replayed, unless the abandonment of the match is the consequence of disciplinary or similar action taken by the referee. In such case the Company shall determine whether or not the match shall be replayed.
- c) In such cases as prescribed in Rules 10(a) and 10(b) the home club shall be responsible for the payment of match fees to all referees assigned to the match in any capacity.

11 Uniforms and Badges

- d) No Club shall permit any of its teams to wear any uniform in any match, which has not first been approved by the Company. The colour of the shirts and socks of a Club's away strip shall be different to that of its home strip.
- e) In the event of there being a colour clash at a match, the away team shall change its strip, the only exception to this rule is if the "home" team changes from its designated "home" strip, then it is the responsibility of the "home" team to change.
- f) In the event of a goalkeeper's shirt colour clashing with the referee it is the responsibility of the goalkeeper to change.
- g) All clubs are required to advise the Company in writing thirty (30) days prior to the season commencing their designated "home" and "away" playing strips for the upcoming season
- h) The Company shall make available to clubs prior to the roster season commencing a full list of team "home" and "away" playing strips.
- i) When named as the "home" team, the "home" team must wear the clubs registered "home" strip.
- j) It is the responsibility of the "away" club to ensure that at all times that there is no clash of colours to the "home" team designated "home" strip, the only exception to this rule is if the "home" team changes from its designated "home" strip, then it is the responsibility of the "home" team to change.
- k) Any breach of these rules may result in fines being imposed on the offending parties.
- l) For the purposes of Rule 11(b) there shall be deemed to be no colour clash by reason only of opposing teams wearing the same coloured shorts in a match.
- m) All goalkeepers shirts must contain a number on the back of said shirt showing legible numeral(s) at least 23cm high, and such numeral shall correspond with the name of the player wearing the uniform and that player's name on the team sheets
- n) All players' uniforms shall show legible numerals at least 23cm high and such numerals shall correspond with the name of the player wearing the uniform and that player's name on the team sheets.
- o) No Club shall permit any of its teams to wear any badge on its uniform in any match, which has not first been approved by the Company.

- p) The Company may in its absolute discretion refuse to approve any uniform or badge submitted to it by a Club for approval but shall advise the Club of its reason or reasons for any such refusal.
- q) Except with the prior written approval of the Company a Club shall not permit any form of advertising on its teams' playing uniform other than the distinguishing mark, badge or emblem of the manufacturer of that uniform.
- r) Each Club shall ensure that its players shall wear on their uniforms such Company sponsor's badge as shall from time to time be directed by the Company.

12 Ladder Positions, Final Series and Promotion and Relegation Playoffs

12.1 Ladder Positions

- a) In all Roster competitions conducted by the Company ladder placing shall be decided by awarding three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a draw and zero (0) points for a loss. Goals difference shall be decided by deducting the number of goals scored against a team from the number of goals scored by that team and Goal difference will be applied to decide a team's placing where its points are equal to the points scored by another team. In the event that the goals difference is also equal, the team scoring the greatest number of goals shall be deemed the better team for placing purposes. If still equal, the position on the ladder shall be decided by the team that has scored the greater number of away goals. If teams are still equal, a playoff match between the equal teams shall take place. If this is not possible the position will be decided by drawing lots.
- b) The team finishing first on the table shall be deemed the League Champions.

12.2 Four Team Final Series

- a) In a final series in which four teams are competing the teams finishing third (3) and fourth (4) on the ladder at the completion of the Home and away roster shall play in the first semi final. The Company shall decide where the game will be played and the team finishing third (3) shall be designated the home team. The winner of this game shall progress to the Preliminary Final and the loser shall be eliminated from the Final Series.
- b) In a final series in which four teams are competing the teams finishing first (1) and second (2) on the ladder at the completion of the Home and away roster shall play in the second semi final. The Company shall decide where the game will be played and the team finishing first (1) shall be designated the home team. The winner of this game shall progress to the Grand Final and the loser to the Preliminary Final.
- c) In a final series in which four teams are competing the team losing the second semi final shall be deemed the home team for the Preliminary Final, and the Company shall decide where the Preliminary Final will be played. The winner of the Preliminary Final shall progress to the Grand Final and the loser shall be eliminated from the Final Series.
- d) In a final series in which four teams are competing The Company shall decide on the venue for the Grand Final and the winner of the Second Semi Final shall be designated the home team.

- e) In a final series in which five teams are competing the teams finishing fourth (4) and fifth (5) on the ladder at the completion of the home and away roster shall play in the first elimination Final. The Company shall decide where the game will be played and the team finishing fourth (4) shall be designated the home team. The winner of this game shall progress to the First Semi Final and the loser shall be eliminated.

12.3 Five Team Final Series

- a) In a final series in which five teams are competing the teams finishing second (2) and third (3) on the ladder at the completion of the home and away roster shall play in the second elimination final. The Company shall decide where the game will be played and the team finishing second (2) shall be the designated home team. The winner of this game shall proceed to the Second Semi Final and the loser shall play in the First Semi Final.
- b) In a final series in which five teams are competing the team finishing first (1) and the winner of the Second Elimination Final shall play off in the Second Semi Final. The Company shall decide where the game will be played and the team finishing first (1) shall be designated the home team. The winner of this game shall proceed to the Grand Final and the loser shall play in the Preliminary Final.
- c) In a final series in which five teams are competing the team losing the Second Elimination Final and the team winning the first elimination final shall play off in the First Semi Final. The Company shall decide where the game will be played and the team losing the Second Elimination Final shall be designated the home team. The winner of this game shall proceed to the Preliminary Final and the loser shall be eliminated from the Final Series.
- d) In a final series in which five teams are competing the team losing the second semi final shall be deemed the home team for the Preliminary Final, and the Company shall decide where the Preliminary Final will be played. The winner of the Preliminary Final shall progress to the Grand Final and the loser shall be eliminated from the Final Series.
- e) In a final series in which five teams are competing the Company shall decide on the venue for the Grand Final and the winner of the Second Semi Final shall be designated the home team.

12.4 Eight Team Final Series

- a) In a final series in which eight teams are competing (ie top 4 from both the Northern Premier League (NPL) and Southern Premier League (SPL) at the completion of the home and away roster) shall play as follows:

Round 1 (8 teams)

Game 1 - 1st SPL V 4th NPL (SPL home)

Game 2 - 2nd SPL v 3rd NPL (SPL home)

Game 3 - 1st NPL v 4th SPL (NPL home)

Game 4 - 2nd NPL v 3rd SPL (NPL home)

Round 2 (4 teams)

Game 5 - winner game 1 v winner game 4 (highest placed winner home)

Game 6 - winner game 2 v winner game 3 (highest placed winner home)

Round 3 final (2 teams)

Game 7 - winner game 5 v winner game 6

- b) The Company shall decide where the games will be played and the team finishing in the highest finishing position in their respective league shall be designated the home team. The loser of a game shall be eliminated from the Final Series. The Company shall decide on the venue for the Grand Final and the winner of Game 5 shall be designated the home team.

12.5 Drawn Match

- a) If at the end of full time in a final series match the opposing teams have scored the same number of goals extra time shall be played under the FIFA Law 10 – Method of Scoring: With regard to the method for determining the winner of a match, of extra-time, consisting of two periods of no more than 15 minutes each, followed by kicks from the penalty mark.

12.6 Two Team Promotion Relegation Play Off

- a) Where in any competition a two-team promotion/relegation play off shall apply it shall be played on a home and away basis.
- b) The winner of the promotion/relegation play-off will be decided on the same basis as used in the A-League Finals series, which is listed below:

The following criteria will be applied until one (1) team can be determined as the winner:

- a. highest aggregate of goals scored over the two (2) legs;
- b. highest number of away goals scored (away goals rule) over the two (2) legs;

If the winning team cannot be decided based on the above criteria, then the following will occur immediately after the conclusion of the second (2nd) leg:

a. extra time of two (2) equal periods of fifteen (15) minutes will be played in accordance with FIFA Law 8;

If at the conclusion of both periods of extra time:

a. no goals are scored – penalty kicks will be taken in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game;

b. both teams score the same number of goals – the away team will advance under the away goals rule.

A toss of the coin will decide which club chooses whether to play their first leg at home or away.

13 Fixtures and Forfeits

- a) Any club that, without just cause, fails to fulfil an engagement to play the fixture/s or any of them on the appointed date, time or venue/s shall forfeit that fixture/s. The offending club shall also be liable for any reasonable expenses incurred by its opponents relative to that fixture or fixtures. The Company Disciplinary Committee may then deal with the offending club.
- b) Matches shall start within fifteen (15) minutes of the stipulated starting time. Any team that refuses to begin a match after this period shall have forfeited the match. When a match starts later than the stipulated time, short time shall be played. Two (2) equal halves shall be played at all times.
- c) Teams must field at least seven (7) of its registered players at the start of any match. Failure to do so shall result in the offending team forfeiting the match.
- d) In the event of a match being called off due to insufficient numbers of players on one team as per FIFA Regulations then the team responsible for the match being called off shall be deemed to have forfeited the match
- e) If a team fails to enter the field of play or has insufficient players for the match to proceed after fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled starting time the referee shall inform team officials present that the game has been called off. The team responsible for the match being called off shall be deemed to have forfeited the match

13.1 Penalties For Forfeits

- a) In the event of any team forfeits its match, then full points shall be awarded to their opponent and the goals recorded according to three (3) goals scored by the Team getting the points to nil (0) by the Team who has infringed the regulation.
- b) Clubs must advise the Company in writing that they will be forfeiting a match.
- c) Notice under clause 13.1(b) must be provided on Club letterhead by close of business on the Monday before the weekend of the match, or five (5) working days before a midweek match they wish to forfeit. This notice must be accompanied by payment of the prescribed fine of \$100.00.
- d) If a club fails to provide sufficient notice as set out in 13(a) & 13(b), the following penalties will be imposed: -
 - i) The offending club will be fined \$200.00

- ii) Pay all appropriate Referees and Assistant Referees fees and ground hire costs.
- iii) Pay compensation to opposing clubs as determined by The Company
- e) Teams forfeiting on three (3) occasions without a satisfactory explanation provided in writing to the Company shall be removed from the Competition and may lose membership of the Company.
- f) In the event of a walk-off by one club prior to the completion of a match the team will be considered to have forfeited the match, and the club shall be liable to penalties under Rule 13(a), in addition to other penalties and/or sanctions as The Company sees fit.

13.2 How Forfeits Affect Suspensions

- a) When the forfeiting club has a player suspended in that division, the match forfeited by his club, will not count as a match served on his suspension.
- b) When a club receives a forfeit, any player under suspension in that division will have one match deducted from their suspension.

13.3 Fixtures

- a) A fixture list for each Company competition will be published and, whenever practicable, finalised by the Company no later than six (6) weeks prior to the commencement of each competition, but the Company may at its discretion change any fixture list at any time.

13.4 Postponed Matches/ Weather Conditions

- i) In the event of any match not being played owing to weather either due to ground closure or a decision taken by the Referee under Law 5 of the game, or other causes over which neither club has any control, on being ordered to be replayed, it shall be at a time and place decided by the Company.
- ii) The Company shall determine a new venue and date as soon as possible.
- iii) When the home team's ground is closed, it shall, where practical, inform visiting teams and the Company of the closure.
- iv) If the grounds are closed by Friday by the relevant Councils, the Company shall notify the local radio stations and the appropriate referee's co-ordinators of the cancellation of those League games and place a message on the Football Federation Tasmania Website.
- v) In the event all games in the League round being cancelled, they shall be replayed on the first available weekend. If, however, no weekend is available, and an alternative date for these games cannot be supplied by

either the Clubs or The Company, no points shall be awarded to any team and the games will not be replayed.

- vi) In the event of some games being played and others not when the Company has not cancelled the games and the Councils have not closed the grounds (or the game(s) are at grounds not under the Councils control), the results for the played matches shall stand and the unplayed games shall be played on the first available date.
- vii) Clubs may request the postponement of any fixture if the Company receives such a request fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled date of the match. Whilst the Company shall endeavour to accommodate such requests, they will not be automatically granted.
- viii) Where the Company grants such a postponement the match shall be played at a date and a time suitable to the opposing team not requesting the postponement and a new date has to be agreed prior to any postponement being granted.
- ix) Each team can only postpone one (1) match per season, after which any further requests will be deemed as forfeits.

14 Match Balls

- a) For all matches, the home team is responsible for providing three Uhlsport approved match balls.
- b) Breach of rule 14(a) will result in a fine of \$25.00 for each offence.

15 Admission Fees

Admission fees to all matches shall be determined by the Company prior to the commencement of each season and no Club shall charge a fee greater than that which has been determined by the Company

16 Laws of the Game

All matches shall be played in accordance with the laws of the game as laid down by FIFA, and the Rules of Football Federation Tasmania.

17 Match Results

- a) All match results and goals scored in matches shall be recorded by the CEO or his appointee from the official referee reports submitted by the appointed Referee at the conclusion of each match.
- b) It is the responsibility of the Home team of Clubs competing in the Northern and Southern Men's Premier Leagues to advise the Company by phone or text message of the half time score and full time score, within thirty (30) minutes of completion of the game.
- c) Breach of rule 17(b) will result in a fine of \$50.00 for each offence
- d) Clubs are required to provide to the Company on a weekly basis no later than 11.00 am on the Monday following the weekend games a result sheet that includes results and scorers for all teams at the Club, regardless of playing home or away. This notice may be provided by Fax (03 6272 8868), e-mail (results@footballfedtas.com.au) or by hand. Notification by telephone is not acceptable.
- e) Breach of Rule 17(d) will result in a fine of (\$50.00) for each offence

18 Substitutes

- a) In Premier, Premier Reserves, and Southern Division One Leagues (Seniors and Reserves), four (4) players: three (3) outfield and one (1) designated goalkeeper, may be named as substitutes. Any three players of the four may be used as substitutes. For 2009 only Southern Division One Reserves interchange of players will be permitted.
- b) In Premier, Premier Reserves, Under 19 and Division One matches, a maximum of fifteen (15) players shall be named on the team sheet.
- c) In Division One reserves, Division two, three, four, social, veterans, women's and Under 17 / 18 competitions (and below) a maximum of fifteen (15) players shall be named on the team sheet.
- d) In Under 19 (and below), Northern Division 1, Division two, three, four, social, veterans, women's, junior competitions (under 16 and below), interchange of players will be permitted.
- e) Clubs who contravene Rule 18 will be subject to disciplinary action and will incur a loss of points and a fine for each contravention.

19 Status of Participants

All players shall be registered with the Company on the appropriate form(s) in one of the following categories;

- a) Senior: a player who is over 18 years of age at commencement of the calendar year in which the competition is played.
- b) Youth: a player who is under 16 years as at the commencement of the calendar year in which the competition is played and is playing in an FFT administered competition.
- c) Under 17 & Under 18: a player who has turned 16 years of age but has not yet turned 18 years of age at the commencement of the calendar year in which the competition is played.
- d) Officials: deemed to be coaches, trainers, team managers, referees.

20 Registration of Players and Age Criteria

- a) The National Registration Regulations govern the registration of all players, and subsequent clauses are in addition to the National Registration Regulations.
- b) A player registration must be received by Football Federation Tasmania before midday on Thursday in order for the player to be eligible to play in that weekend's games.
- c) The transfer deadline for currently registered players is the last Thursday prior to 30 June. A new player (ie not previously registered in the current year) may not be registered after the second Thursday in August.
- d) If any Club shall play an unregistered player or a player registered by another Club in any match it shall be deemed to have lost that match by a score of three (3) goals to nil (0) plus any further penalty imposed by the Company in accordance with these Rules.
- e) Notwithstanding Rule 20(d) any junior player registered with a school may also register with a Club and be eligible to play in Football Federation Tasmania competitions.
- f) To be eligible to play in senior male competitions, a player must be at least fifteen (15) years of age.
- g) To be eligible to play in senior female competitions a player must be at least fifteen (15) years of age.
- h) A player may play, without approval from Football Federation Tasmania, a maximum two years above his/her age group. Any player wishing to play more than two years above his/her age group must, unless covered by Rules 20(f) or (g), apply to Football Federation Tasmania for permission and be assessed according to the Player Age Policy.

21 Registration Fees

- a) Prior to the commencement of the playing season, the Company shall determine the registration fees to be paid by Participants in the following categories;
 - i) Senior players
 - ii) Youth Players
 - iii) Under 17 & Under 18
 - iv) Officials

22 Player Restrictions

The over riding rule is a maximum of three (3) players who have played at a higher league level can drop down a maximum of two leagues dependent on grading of leagues, unless rules stipulate otherwise.

22.1 League standings for team stacking purposes

Highest to lowest, as per rules and regulations.

Premier League / Division One (South)
(Highest)

Premier Reserve League / Division One Reserve (South)

Under 19 League

Women's Premier

Under17/Under 18 (South)/ Division Two

Division Three/ Women's Division One

Div Four/ Over 35's / Women's Div Two / Div One (North)
(Lowest)

22.2 Player Eligibility

Players are eligible to participate in any Company competition provided they are currently registered with the Company, not under suspension and meet all age requirement qualifications.

- i) they are currently registered with the Company, and
- ii) not under suspension and meet all age requirement qualifications, and
- iii) they are listed on the team sheet prior to the commencement of the match.

(The player eligibility statements need to be read in context with the team stacking rules below)

22.2.1 Premier League / Division One (South)

There are no team player restrictions for this league.

22.2.2 Premier Reserve League / Division One Reserve (South)

Teams can include up to a maximum of three (3) players who in their last game entered the field of play in a Premier League / Division One (South) match (Cup and/or Roster) or State-wide Cup match.

22.2.3 Northern Division 1

Teams can include up to a maximum of three (3) players who in their last game entered the field of play in a higher graded league.

Those three players have the following restrictions:

- i) Can only include one (1) player who in their last game entered the field of play in Premier League match (Cup and/or Roster) or State-wide Cup match.
- ii) The remaining two (2) players can be made up of players who in their last game entered the field of play in a Premier Reserve match (Cup and/or Roster).

If no Premier League player is included, teams can use three (3) players who in their last game entered the field of play in a Premier Reserve match (Cup and/or Roster).

22.2.4 Under 19

Teams can include up to a maximum of three (3) players who in their last game entered the field of play in a higher graded league.

Those three players have the following restrictions;

- i) Shall include no player who in their last game started in a Premier League / Division One (South) match (Cup and/or Roster) or State-wide Cup match.
- ii) A maximum of one (1) player who in their last game entered the field of play as a substitute in a Premier League / Division One (South) match (Cup and/or Roster) or State-wide Cup match. Plus two (2) other players who in their last game entered the field of play in a Premier Reserve / Division One Reserve (South) match (Cup and/or Roster).

If no Premier League / Division One (South) player included, teams can use three (3) players who in their last game entered the field of play in a Premier Reserve / Division One Reserve (South) match (Cup and/or Roster).

22.2.5 deleted

22.2.6 Under 17/Under 18 (South) Leagues

Teams can include up to a maximum of three (3) players who in their last game entered the field of play in a higher graded league

Those three players have the following restrictions;

- i) Shall include no player who in their last game entered the field of play in a Premier League / Division One (South) match (Cup and/or Roster) or State-wide Cup match.
- ii) A maximum of one (1) player who in their last game entered the field of play in a Premier Reserve / Division One Reserve (South) League match (Cup and/or Roster). Plus two (2) other players who in their last game entered the field of play in an Under 19 match (Cup and/or Roster).

If no Premier Reserve League / Division One Reserve (South) player included teams can use three (3) players who in their last game entered the field of play in an Under 19-match (Cup and/or Roster).

22.2.7 Division Two

Teams can include up to a maximum of three (3) players who in their last game entered the field of play in a higher graded league.

Those three players have the following restrictions;

- i) Shall include no player who in their last game entered the field of play in a Premier League / Division One (South) match (Cup and/or Roster) or State-wide Cup match.
- ii) A maximum of one (1) player who in their last game entered the field of play in a Premier Reserve / Division One Reserve (South) League match (Cup and/or Roster). Plus two (2) other players who in their last game entered the field of play in an Under 19 match (Cup and/or Roster).

If no Premier Reserve League / Division One Reserve (South) player included teams can use three (3) players who in their last game entered the field of play in an Under 19 match (Cup and/or Roster).

22.2.8 Division Three

Teams can include up to a maximum of three (3) players who in their last game entered the field of play in a higher graded league.

Those three players have the following restrictions;

- i) Shall include no player who in their last game entered the field of play in a Premier League / Division One (South) match (Cup and/or Roster) or State-wide Cup match.
- ii) A maximum of one (1) player who in their last game entered the field of play in an Under 19 match (Cup and/or Roster). Plus two (2) other players who in their last game entered the field of play in a

combination of either Division One Reserve / Division Two or Under 17/18 matches (Cup and/or Roster).

If no Under 19 player included teams can use three (3) players who in their last game entered the field of play in a combination of either Division Two or Under 17/18 matches (Cup and/or Roster).

22.2.9 Division Four/ Over 35's

Teams can include up to a maximum of three (3) players who in their last game entered the field of play in a higher graded league.

Those three players have the following restrictions;

- i) Shall include no player who in their last game entered the field of play in Premier League / Division One (South) / Premier Reserve League/ Division One Reserve (South) match (Cup and/or Roster) or State-wide Cup match /Under 19 match (Cup and/or Roster).
- ii) A maximum of three (3) other players who in their last game entered the field of play in a combination of either Division Two or Division Three matches (Cup and/or Roster).

22.2.10 Women's Premier

There are no team stacking rules required for this league

22.2.11 Women's Division One

Teams can include up to a maximum of three (3) players who in their last game entered the field of play in a Women's Premier League match and or Women's Premier Knockout Cup match.

22.2.12 Women's Division Two

Shall include a maximum of one (1) player who in their last game entered the field of play in a Women's Premier League match and or Women's Premier Knockout Cup match. Plus two (2) other players who in their last game entered the field of play in the Women's Division One match (Cup and/or Roster).

If no " Women's Premier " League player included teams can use three (3) players who in their last game entered the field of play in a Division One match (Cup and/or Roster).

22.3 Clubs with two teams in same Division.

In the case were clubs have two teams in the same division, any player who played for team A in that Division and plays for team B is regarded as a player whose last game was at a higher Division (ie one of the three allowed).

22.4 Players returning from long term injury

Players returning from long term injuries, may upon application be granted exemption from the Player Restriction Rules. Such application must be in writing and supported by a Medical Report and lodged with the Company not less than 72 hours prior to the match. The Company's ruling shall be final.

22.5 Penalty for Breach of Player Restriction Rules

Where a club is found to be in breach of the Player Restriction Rules the offending team will be deemed to have lost the match by forfeit and will be fined \$200.00 per offence.

23 Statewide Cup Rules

23.1 Application of Rules

- a) These rules apply to The Statewide Lakoseljac Cup and The Statewide Women's Cup ("The Statewide Cups").
- b) The FFT Competition Rules apply to all Statewide Cup fixtures. Where there is any inconsistency between the Competition Rules and The Statewide Cups Rules, The Statewide Cups Rules shall apply.

23.2 Eligibility to Enter the Cups

- a) A club that has forfeited a Statewide Cup match in the preceding year will not be eligible for entry in that year's Statewide Cup competition.
- b) The Statewide Lakoseljac Cup shall be open to one team from each club that enters a team in senior men's competitions organised by Football Federation Tasmania.
- c) The Statewide Women's Cup shall be open to one team from each club that enters a team in senior women's competitions organised by Football Federation Tasmania.

23.3 Determination of Matches and Venues

- a) The schedule of matches shall be organised through the drawing of lots. The first team drawn team shall be declared the home team in each allotted match. Football Federation Tasmania shall advise the entrants of the result of such draws as soon, as is practicable.
- b) Football Federation Tasmania will decide the date for all matches following the drawing of lots for each round and distribute accordingly.
- c) The home team, with the exception of the Final, shall have the option of using their regular home ground as the match venue. If this is unavailable, Football Federation Tasmania shall decide on the venue for the match.

23.4 Extra Time and Penalty Shoot Out

- a) When scores are equal at the end of normal time, extra time shall take place. Extra time shall consist of two halves of 15 minutes each, with the team scoring the greater number of goals being declared the winner.
- b) If at the end of extra time, no goals have been scored, or the same number of goals have been scored by each team, the match shall be decided by the taking of penalties as per the F.I.F.A. Rules and Regulations.

23.5 Player Eligibility

- a) No individual shall be allowed to play for more than one competing Club in the same year.

23.6 Cautions, Expulsions and Suspensions

- a) All yellow cards that are received in The Statewide Cups carry over into the home and away roster competitions.
- b) Any player who is under suspension from the normal home and away roster must serve that suspension before being eligible to play in The Statewide Cups.
- c) Suspensions imposed for red cards that are received in The Statewide Cup competitions will carry over into the home and away roster competitions.

23.7 Cup Final Venues

- a) Football Federation Tasmania reserves the right to designate where The Statewide Cup Finals will be played.

23.8 Amendment of Rules

- a) The Board of Football Federation Tasmania shall have the power to alter or add to these rules, as they from time to time deem expedient.

Schedule 1 – Fixed penalty suspensions

Item	Offence	Penalty
R1	Serious foul play	Auto + 1 match
R2	Violent conduct – Excessive force or brutality when NOT challenging for the ball, including striking, kicking, elbowing or head-butting	Auto + 2 matches
R2	Violent conduct – Serious nature that intends to cause significant bodily harm to any person Involvement in a brawl (but not if a person has tried to prevent a fight, shield others or separate those involved in a brawl)	Auto + 4 matches
R3	Spitting at an opponent	Auto + 3 matches
R3	Spitting at a Match Official	Auto + 5 matches
R4	Denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball	Auto
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 penalty kick.	Auto

R6	Uses offensive, insulting or abusive language and or gesture	Auto + 2 matches
R7	Receives a second caution during the same match	Auto

Schedule 2 – Misconduct fixed penalties (MFP)

Participant Misconduct

The following constitute misconduct prejudicial to the objects and/or interests of the Company and the sport of Football. The following sanctions represent the minimum penalty that shall be imposed. The Company reserves the right to refer any misconduct charges directly to the Tribunal.

Item	Offence	Penalty
MFP 1	When Participants use Offensive, Insulting or Abusive language towards the match official/s during and/or after a fixture	\$200.00
MFP 2	When Participants use intimidating behaviour towards match official/s during and/or after a fixture	\$200.00
MFP 3	When Participants use Threatening language and/or behaviour towards the match official/s during and/or after a fixture	\$300.00
MFP 4	When Participants enter the field of play without the permission of the match official during a fixture	\$200.00
MFP 5	When a club fails to take all reasonable steps to control participants during and/or after the fixture	\$500.00
MFP 6	When club fails to complete team sheet/s as per the Rules of Competition in a fixture	\$25.00
MFP 7	When several players together are involved in a melee during and/or after a fixture	\$300.00
MFP 8	When several players together use intimidating, offensive, insulting or abusive language against the match official/s after a fixture	\$300.00

Player Misconduct

The following constitute misconduct prejudicial to the objects and/or interests of the Company and the sport of Football and the sanction is included.

Item	Offence	Penalty
MFP 9	When player uses threatening language, intimidating behaviour and/or gesture/s , offensive, insulting or abusive language against the match official/s after being sent-off and/or after a fixture	Suspended for three (3) games
MFP 10	When player uses obscene gesture/s against the match official/s after being sent-off and/or after a fixture	Suspended for one additional game to that indicated in R6 of Schedule 1
MFP 11	When player fails when instructed by the match official/s to leave the field of play and the area immediately surrounding the field of play.	Suspended for one (1) game in addition to any fixed penalty relating to the send off.