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# Disciplinary Regulations

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# 1. DISCIPLINE

## 1.1 FA NATIONAL DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS

1.1.1 The FA National Disciplinary Regulations shall apply to any infringement of the Laws of the Game by any Player or Official.

1.1.2 The Club shall be responsible for any fine to their registered Player or Team Official.

## 1.2 YELLOW CARDS (CAUTIONS)

1.2.1 Sanctions

The following sanctions shall be imposed as a result of players accumulating cautions during a season:

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| <b>Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) caution</b>   | <b>one (1) Match suspension and a \$100 fine payable by the Club.</b>  |
| <b>Seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) caution</b> | two (2) Match suspension and a \$200 fine payable by the Club.   |
| <b>Ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) caution</b>   | three (3) Match suspension and a \$300 fine payable by the Club.   |
| <b>Tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) caution</b>  | the Player shall be cited to appear before a Disciplinary Committee and shall be suspended until a Disciplinary Committee adjudicates on the matter. |

1.2.2 For the purpose of this rule, cautions shall accumulate across all divisions including FNT Cup matches and the fines and the automatic suspensions specified are non-appealable.

1.2.3 If a player receives two yellow cards during the same match and therefore receives a red card, the two yellow cards shall be expunged from the player's record.

1.2.4 If a player receives a yellow card then a direct red card in the same match, the yellow card will not be expunged and will be counted within the player's accumulation of yellow cards.

- 1.2.5 Where a player has incurred a sanction under Rule 1.1.1 the Competition Administrator shall advise the Player's Club by 5.00 pm of the third business day after the receipt of the Team Sheet for the Match. Where the player has incurred as per rule 1.1.1 the player must serve that suspension in the competition where the majority of yellow cards were accumulated.
- 1.2.6 A Player shall remain suspended until any fine is paid in full to the Competition Administrator.
- 1.2.7 Accumulated cautions shall not carry over from the regular Season Competition into final series or promotion/relegation Matches.
- 1.2.8 If a Player transfer to another Club participating in a Competition during a Season:
- a) Cautions are transferred with the Player for the purpose of Rule 1.2.1
  - b) Cautions are retained by the Club to which the Player was registered when the caution was received for the purpose of Rule 1.2.9.
- 1.2.9 Loss of Competition Points as a Result of accumulated Yellow Cards
- a) Teams shall have Competition points deducted as a result of accumulating cautions during the regular Season.
  - b) The number of cautions that leads to the initial loss of Competition points shall be determined by taking the number of rounds in the regular Season and multiplying that number by two (2). This shall be known as the "Team Caution Limit". For example, if there are fifteen (15) rounds of Matches then the Team Caution Limit shall be thirty (30).
  - c) When a Team has accumulated the number of cautions that equal the Team Caution Limit one (1) Competition point shall be deducted.
  - d) One (1) Competition point shall be deducted for every ten (10) additional cautions accumulated by a Team in excess of the Team Caution Limit during the remainder of the Competition Season.

### **1.3 RED CARDS (EXPULSION)**

- 1.3.1 The FA National Disciplinary Regulations, 'Disciplinary Table of Offences', prescribes the mandatory minimum Sanction for send-off offences and offences against a Match Official.
- 1.3.2 A player who receives a red card must serve a mandatory match suspension.

1.3.3 Where a Player is sent off (issued a red card) during a Match, they are deemed to be an ineligible Player until the final scheduled Match of the round is completed. This means that they are not eligible to participate in any Competition in any official capacity, including but not limited to Player, Coach, Team Official, Match Referee, Assistant Referee or Ground Official for one week.

1.3.4 Player Sanctions

- a) The FA National Disciplinary Regulations, 'Disciplinary Table of Offences', prescribes the Minimum Sanction for send-off offences and offences against a Match Official.
- b) The following automatic sanctions shall be imposed as minimum in addition, for Players accumulating red cards during the regular Season, Cup Competitions or Final Series.
- c) R7 offences are not applicable to this clause 1.3.4(b)

| <b>First expulsion</b>  | <b>Minimum Sanction and \$150 fine payable by the Club.</b>  |
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| <b>Second expulsion</b> | Minimum Sanction plus one (1) week suspension and \$300 fine payable by the Club.  |
| <b>Third expulsion</b>  | Minimum Sanction plus two (2) week suspension, \$500 fine payable by the Club and complete the online Laws of the Game exam.   |
| <b>Fourth expulsion</b> | Minimum Sanction plus three (3) week suspension, \$750 fine payable by the Club and complete the online Laws of the Game exam. |

1.3.5 Table: Offence Table

Such sanctions may be augmented by additional sanctions being imposed by the Competition Administrator in relation to the severity of an offence and/or repetitive offences by an individual.

- a) Where a Player has incurred a sanction in excess of the mandatory sanction, the Competition Administrator shall advise the Player's Club Delegate by the close of business on the third business day after the receipt of the Team Sheet for the Match in which the send-off occurred.

- b) If a Player transfers to another Club participating in a FNT Competition during the course of a Competition Season:
  - I. Expulsions are transferred with the Player for the purpose of 1.2.2, and
  - II. Expulsions are retained by the Club to which the Player was registered when the expulsion was received for the purpose of 1.2.5.
- c) Team Sanctions:
  - I. Loss of Competition Points as a Result of Red Cards
  - II. Teams shall have Competition points deducted as a result of accumulating red cards during the regular Season.
  - III. For every five (5) red cards received by a Team for any offence excluding R7, that Team shall lose one (1) Competition point.

#### **1.4 SUSPENSIONS**

- 1.4.1 The Player must serve the suspension within that Competition and remain suspended from all Competitions until the suspension is served
- 1.4.2 Suspensions incurred by Players must be listed on the team sheet. Matches shall be served in consecutive fixtures of that Team after the date of suspension (this includes regular Season, cup and final series fixtures).
- 1.4.3 Suspensions will carry over to a subsequent Season(s) where the player in the next season must be registered and active in play football platform and must appear on the team sheets under "Players Serving Suspensions" to count the number of match suspensions served. For clarity, a player who is suspended for three weeks and serves one of those weeks in the season of the original offence and then the further two weeks in the next season must appear on two team sheets to have effectively served the three-week original suspension.
- 1.4.4 Where the Club does not field a Team in the same Competition as the suspension was incurred during the previous Season the Competition Administrator shall determine the Competition in which the Player is to serve the suspension.
- 1.4.5 A Player under suspension shall not be permitted to play in trial or friendly Matches without the written permission of the Competition Administrator, who may include any conditions deemed appropriate.
- 1.4.6 Suspensions cannot be served in friendly Matches, unless the suspension was incurred in a friendly Match in accordance with the Disciplinary Regulations.
- 1.4.7 The Competition Administrator may, upon receipt of a written request from the Player, temporarily lift their suspension for representative or other Matches however, under no

circumstances may a suspension be lifted for any Competition, cup or final series Matches conducted under the jurisdiction of the Federation.

- 1.4.8 Players or Team Officials who are under suspension are not permitted to enter the field of play, Player's race, change rooms, technical area or substitute bench at any time before or after the Match.
  - a) Players who are in breach of this Rule will be fined \$150 per offence.
  - b) The Player's Club who is in breach of this Rule will be fined \$250 per offence.
- 1.4.9 Players and Team Officials who are under suspension are permitted to attend playing venues but must comply with rule 1.4.8. Players and Club Officials who are under suspension can't relay instructions to their team.
- 1.4.10 Players or Team Officials who are under suspension may be allocated a place to sit or stand as directed by the Competition Administrator.
- 1.4.11 Players, Team or Officials who are under suspension shall be a minimum of 30 meters away in all directions of the field of play and the Team technical area.
- 1.4.12 Players or Team Officials who are under suspension will be a minimum of 30 meters away in all directions of the field of play and the Team technical area.
  - a) Officials who are in breach of this Rule will be fined \$250 per offence. Continuous breaches will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.
  - b) The Official's Club who is in breach of this Rule will be fined \$500 per offence. Continuous breaches will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.



## **1.5 ASSAULTS ON MATCH OFFICIALS**

- 1.5.1 In the event of an alleged charge of assault (verbal, physical, psychological) committed upon a Match Official the Match Official concerned and any witnesses to the offence should submit in writing to the Competition Administrator a report in full, detailing the incident in chronological order, including any conversations.
- 1.5.2 Such reports shall be lodged to the Competition Administrator by 9:00 am of the second business day following the date of the Match or incident. If a Match official is not able to submit an incident report due to such assault, the player remains suspended until further notice.
- 1.5.3 At a minimum The Player shall be fined \$1500 for an assault on a match official, and the Club that the Player is associated with, shall be fined \$1000.
- 1.5.4 The player should confront the Disciplinary Committee and time will be arranged and notified to the player accordingly.

## **2. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

### **2.1 NATIONAL DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS and FA CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 2.1.1 The FA National Disciplinary Regulations and FA Code of Conduct apply to any infringement of the Laws of the Game by a Player or Official during a Match played under the auspices of Football NT, or any other infringement, of the Regulations and Codes of Conduct that govern the game of football in the Northern Territory, by a Club, a Club Official, Club Member or Club Spectator.
- 2.1.2 The FNT Senior Regulations supplements the National Disciplinary Regulations for all Competitions under the auspices of Football NT.
- 2.1.3 The FA Code of Conduct applies to and is supplemented by the FNT Codes of Behaviour and Codes of Conduct and applies to the behaviour and actions of Clubs, Club Officials, Club Members and Club Spectators.

### **2.2 COMPOSITION OF DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

- 2.2.1 The Federation shall appoint a Disciplinary Committee consisting of at least three (3) members.
- 2.2.2 The Disciplinary Committee should, wherever possible, consist of:
  - a) An independent Chair with Legal qualification;
  - b) a former senior Player;
  - c) a former Referee.
- 2.2.3 The Disciplinary Committee will not consist of persons who are current Players, members or officials of Clubs participating in Football NT Competitions.
- 2.2.4 Should the Chair of the Disciplinary Committee not be present the most senior member in continuous service shall act as Chair.
- 2.2.5 In the event of only two (2) members being available for a Disciplinary Committee hearing, subject to the consent of all parties, this shall constitute a quorum.
- 2.2.6 The Disciplinary Committee has jurisdiction to determine all grievances that arise under these Regulations be those matters on field or off field or matters referred to it by the Competition Administrator or FNT.

## **2.3 PROCESS FOR LODGING AN APPEAL**

- 2.3.1 An appeal against an appealable decision made under these Regulations shall be made on Club letterhead and lodged with the Competition Administrator by 9.00am on the second business day following the receipt of the decision being appealed.
- 2.3.2 An appeal lodgment fee of \$750.00 must accompany the appeal out of which \$250.00 is non-refundable.
- 2.3.3 If a club owes any money to Football NT, then the club is not able to appeal unless the outstanding invoices are paid in full.
- 2.3.4 The lodgment of an appeal does not stay any penalty imposed under these Regulations.
- 2.3.5 The red card offence(s) may only be appealed for the following (with exception of article 6.3.6):
- a) Mistaken identity
  - b) Clear and obvious error
- All relevant video evidence must be produced to FNT Competition Administrator for investigation prior to Tribunal appeal and process, if the FNT Competition Administrator then deems this to be a clear and obvious error Tribunal may not be required.
- 2.3.6 A Mandatory Match Suspension cannot be appealed.
- 2.3.7 For the purpose of the appeal process, the club must not be in breach of their signed Club Participation Agreement.

## **2.4 PROCEDURES OF THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

- 2.4.1 This Disciplinary Committee is to apply the FA Grievance Resolution Regulations at the procedural application of its hearings.
- 2.4.2 The Disciplinary Committee may lay down its own rules of procedure in addition to those in the FA Grievance Resolution Regulations, subject to the rules of procedural fairness and natural justice which it may vary as it sees fit from time to time and it shall not be subject to requirements of legal formality.
- 2.4.3 At a hearing by the Disciplinary Committee, the appellant's or the aggrieved party's case shall be presented first but nothing herein removes from any person the onus of proving any ground on which he/she relies.
- 2.4.4 Powers of The Disciplinary Committee
- a) The Disciplinary Committee shall deal with all matters referred to it by the Competition Administrator.
  - b) The types of disciplinary sanctions are specified within both the FA Grievance Resolution Regulations and the FNT Disciplinary Table of Offences and Sanctions.
  - c) The Disciplinary Committee may from time to time adjourn any hearing until such times, dates and places and for such reasons, as it sees fit.

## **2.5 EVIDENCE**

- 2.5.1 In any disciplinary proceedings the official reports of the Match Officials in respect of the incident or event that is the subject of the complaint/charge, are prima facie proof of the facts contained within the reports.
- 2.5.2 A Match Official will not be required to attend to give evidence unless:
- a) The person charged disputes the accuracy of the report and requests the attendance of the Match Official(s), and the Disciplinary Committee is of the opinion that the request is reasonable and made in good faith; or
  - b) The Disciplinary Committee is of the opinion that it is reasonable, and necessary, to require the attendance of the Match Official(s).

2.5.3 It shall be an offence for any person giving evidence before any Disciplinary Committee to deliberately mislead the Disciplinary Committee and the penalty for such an offence shall be a fine of between \$500 and \$5,000 along with any other sanctions determined fair and reasonable by the Disciplinary Committee.

## **2.6 DECISION**

2.6.1 The Disciplinary Committee shall base its determination on;

- a) The application of the Disciplinary Regulations, FA Grievance Resolution Regulations and on the Regulations and Codes of Conduct that govern the game of football in the Northern Territory;
- b) The evidence provided; and
- c) The scope of these Regulations.

2.6.2 The Disciplinary Committee shall advise the Competition Administrator of its determination within 48 hours of the determination being made. The Competition Administrator shall then advise the Club Delegate in writing within 48 hours of the determination being received.

2.6.3 Where no determination is advised to the Competition Administrator or where a hearing has not been held within the timeframes specified, then the appeal shall be deemed to have been upheld in full.

2.6.4 The person to whom the determination refers shall not contact the Competition Administrator or the Federation. The responsibility of advising the person of the outcome of the hearing rests with their Club Delegate.

2.6.5 The appeal fee shall be forfeited in the event of the protest not being upheld in full.

2.6.6 If the appeal is upheld in full one hundred percent (100%) of the appeal fee shall be refunded to the appellant.

## **2.7 APPEALS**

All parties to a Disciplinary Committee hearing and the Competition Administrator shall have the right of appeal against a determination of the Disciplinary Committee such appeals shall be made in accordance with the FA's grievance process and FA Statutes.

### **3. CHARGES AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

For the purposes of these Regulations, FA has implemented a National Code of Conduct that seeks to promote and strengthen the reputation of Football in Australia by establishing a standard of performance, behaviour, and professionalism for its participants and stakeholders. In addition, it seeks to deter conduct that could impair public confidence in the honest and professional conduct of Matches or in the integrity and good character of its participants. Spectator Conduct at Matches is subject to the FA National Spectator Code of Behaviour.

#### **3.1 LODGING A COMPLAINT OR CHARGE.**

- 3.1.1 Where any Team, Club, Player, Coach, Official or Match Official is charged with an offence, the charge shall be outlined in writing by the Competition administrator, FNT or FA and contain the particulars of the alleged offence.
- 3.1.2 If a third party wishes to make a complaint under the Code of Conduct, that complaint must be made by a written report which must be delivered during normal business hours by fax, e-mail or hand delivered and confirmed by posted mail to the Competition Administrator. The report shall be lodged within seven (7) days of the date of the incident occurring to which the complaint or charge refers.
- 3.1.3 Charges or complaints laid by the Competition Administrator FNT or FA shall not be restricted to the time limits referred to in 3.1.

#### **3.2 PROTEST MATCH RESULTS**

- 3.2.1 Protests regarding the incorrect recording of a Match result or the eligibility of a Player must be made in writing and lodged with the Competition Administrator by 5.00pm of the second business day following the conclusion of the Match.
- 3.2.2 All decisions of the Match referee are final and binding as far as the result of the match is concerned and no protest can be lodged.
- 3.2.3 The Competition Administrator shall provide a copy of the protest to the Delegate of the opposing Club participating in the Match within forty-eight (48) hours of receiving the protest.
- 3.2.4 All protests regarding the incorrect recording of a Match result or the eligibility of a Player shall be lodged for review to the Competition Administrator.

### **3.3 MISTAKEN IDENTITY**

- 3.3.1 If a Player claims the genuine mistaken identity, the Club may lodge an appeal to the Competition Administrator by 5.00pm of the second business day following the issue of the Disciplinary Infringement Notice.
- 3.3.2 The Competition Administrator will investigate the claim and decide as to whether to allow or dismiss the claim. The Competition Administrator may refer the matter to the Disciplinary Committee for determination at its entire discretion.
- 3.3.3 If the appeal is upheld, the Competition Administrator or Disciplinary Committee shall have the power to determine the identity of the true offender and shall impose such penalty upon that person as would have been imposed upon the appellant.

### **3.4 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

Each person agrees to submit exclusively to Football NT's and FA's Statutes and Regulations, including, the Grievance Resolution Regulations and no person may institute or maintain proceedings in any court of law or tribunal (other than the limited right of appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in accordance with the FA Statutes).

### **3.5 AMENDMENT OF RULES**

FNT reserves the right to alter or amend rules from time to time if required.

## APPENDIX A – DISCIPLINARY TABLE OF OFFENCES

### RECOMMENDED SANCTIONS FOR SERIOUS INFRINGEMENTS

(In accordance with the FA National Disciplinary Regulations & Table of Offences for Players)

#### A.A. OFFENCES BY PLAYERS and Team Officials\*

| Offence Code                     | Offence Description  | Grading Guidelines  | Minimum Suspension      |
|----------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------|
| <b>R1</b><br><b>Players Only</b> | <b>Serious foul play</b><br>(Typically, but not limited to, serious foul play when the ball is in play)  | Serious foul play tackle  | One (1) week            |
|                                  |  | Attempting to gain possession of the ball using excessive force   | Mandatory + One week    |
|                                  |  | Conduct that endangers the safety of an opponent in a contest for the ball or has the potential to cause injury   | Mandatory + Two Week    |
|                                  |  | Conduct causing minor injury  | Mandatory + Three Weeks |
|                                  |  | Conduct causing serious injury  | Mandatory + Four Weeks  |
| <b>R2</b>                        | <b>Violent Conduct</b><br>(Typically, but not limited to, serious foul play when the ball is not in play, and/or pre-mediated violent conduct) | Excessive conduct when the ball is not in play or playing distance  | Mandatory + One Week    |
|                                  |  | Violent conduct when the ball is not in play or playing distance  | Mandatory + Two Week    |
|                                  |  | Serious and/or premeditated violent conduct when the ball is not in play or playing distance includes but not limited to kicking, punching, head butting, elbowing etc. | Mandatory + Four Week   |
|                                  |  | Serious violent conduct that has caused bodily harm or responsibility for a violent melee   | Mandatory + Six Week    |
| <b>R3</b>                        | <b>Spitting at an opponent or any other person</b>   | Spitting at or towards an opponent or any other person  | Mandatory + Five Week   |
|                                  |  | Spitting on an opponent or any other person   | Mandatory + Eight Week  |
| <b>R4</b>                        | <b>Denying goal-scoring opportunity</b>  | Denying the opposing team, a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (except a goalkeeper within their penalty area)              | One (1) Week            |
| <b>R5</b>                        | <b>Denying goal scoring opportunity</b>  | Denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the opponent's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick                                   | One (1) Week            |
| <b>R6</b>                        | <b>Offensive, insulting, abusive or intimidating language and/or gestures</b>  | Using language and/or gestures in frustration   | One (1) Week            |
|                                  |  | Using language and/or gestures directed at another person   | Mandatory + One week    |



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|           |                       | Incitement to violence, or repeated use of offensive language and/or gestures, to another person | Mandatory + Four week  |
|           |                       | Use of discriminatory, homophobic, racist, religious, ethnic or sexist language and/or gestures  | Mandatory + Eight week |
| <b>R7</b> | <b>Second caution</b> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Yellow Card in a Match   | One (1) Week           |

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

+ A Suspension greater than the applicable minimum Suspension may be imposed by a Body only in Exceptional Circumstances that must be detailed in the Notice of Charge or a Committee/Tribunal's Determination.

#### **A.B. OFFENCES BY PARTICIPANTS AGAINST MATCH OFFICIALS \* \*\***

| <b>S.N.</b> | <b>Offence Description</b>   | <b>Minimum Suspension</b>     |
|-------------|--|-------------------------------|
| <b>1</b>    | Fail to abide by or comply with a direction of a Match Official  | One (1) Week                  |
| <b>2</b>    | Disputing a decision of a Match Official or dissent [R6 for players and team officials]  | One (1) Week                  |
| <b>3</b>    | Using language or gestures in frustration [R6 for players]   | One (1) Week                  |
| <b>4</b>    | Use offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures (isolated incident) [R6 for players and team officials]                 | Mandatory + Three Weeks       |
| <b>5</b>    | Use offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures (repeated and/or excessive conduct) [R6 for players and team officials] | Mandatory + Five Weeks        |
| <b>6</b>    | Provocation or incitement of hatred or violence [R6 for players and team officials]  | Mandatory + Eight Weeks       |
| <b>7</b>    | Use of discriminatory, homophobic, racist, religious, ethnic or sexist language and/or gestures [R6 for players and team officials]  | Mandatory + Eight Weeks       |
| <b>8</b>    | Threatening or intimidating language or conduct towards a Match Official [R6 for players and team officials]                         | Mandatory + Eight Weeks       |
| <b>9</b>    | Charging a match official [R6 for players and team officials]  | Mandatory + Twelve (12) Weeks |
| <b>10</b>   | Threat of physical violence towards a Match Official or his/her family or property [R6 for players and team officials]               | Twelve (12) Months            |
| <b>11</b>   | Inappropriate contact with a Match Official [R2 for players and team officials]  | Mandatory + One Week          |
| <b>12</b>   | Pushing a Match Official [R2 for players and team officials]   | Twelve (12) Months            |
| <b>13</b>   | Tripping a Match Official [R2 for players and team officials]  | Twelve (12) Months            |
| <b>14</b>   | Striking a Match Official with a ball or other object [R2 for players and team officials]  | Two (2) Years                 |
| <b>15</b>   | Punching, kicking, elbowing or striking a Match Official [R2 for players and team officials]   | Two (2) Years                 |
| <b>16</b>   | Spitting at or towards a Match Official [R3 for players and team officials]  | Twelve (12) Months            |
| <b>17</b>   | Spitting on a Match Official [R3 for players and team officials]   | Two (2) Years                 |

## A.C. OTHER OFFENCES BY MEMBER # \*\*

| S.N. | Offence Description<br><small>Note: The Competition Administrator may apply sanctions or fines for bringing the game into disrepute or failure to protect the image of the game. The applied sanctions can be less or greater than the sanctions below.</small> | Minimum Participant Sanction | Minimum Club Sanction  |
|------|---|------------------------------|--|
| 1    | Unauthorised entry onto the Field of Play   | Eight Weeks                  | Such penalty as Football NT or the grievance committee determines (if any) |
| 2    | Fail to abide by or comply with a reasonable direction of an Official (other than a Match Official) or Football NT employee or representative in relation to conduct and/or behaviour at a Match  | Eight Weeks                  | Such penalty as Football NT or the grievance committee determines (if any) |
| 3    | Unsportsmanlike or unprofessional behaviour   | Eight Weeks                  | Such penalty as Football NT or the grievance committee determines (if any) |
| 4    | Failure to provide a safe environment for Participants or to maintain public order at a Match   | Twelve Months                | Such penalty as Football NT or the grievance committee determines (if any) |
| 5    | Failing to provide identifying details of an individual when reasonably requested to do so by a Match Official or Football NT employee or representative  | Eight weeks                  | Such penalty as Football NT or the grievance committee determines (if any) |
| 6    | Use offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures (isolated incident)  | Twelve weeks                 | Such penalty as Football NT or the grievance committee determines (if any) |
| 7    | Use offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures (repeated and/or excessive conduct)  | Twenty-Six Weeks             | Such penalty as Football NT or the grievance committee determines (if any) |
| 8    | Provocation or incitement of hatred or violence   | Twelve Months                | Such penalty as Football NT or the grievance committee determines (if any) |
| 9    | Use of discriminatory, homophobic, racist, religious, ethnic or sexist language and/or gestures   | Twelve Months                | Such penalty as Football NT or the grievance committee determines (if any) |
| 10   | Participating in a melee (non-violent)  | Two Months                   | Such penalty as Football NT or the grievance committee determines (if any) |
| 11   | Instigator of a melee (non-violent)   | Three Months                 | Such penalty as Football NT or the grievance committee determines (if any) |
| 12   | Participating in a violent melee  | Twenty-Six Weeks             | Such penalty as Football NT or the grievance committee determines (if any) |
| 13   | Instigator of a violent melee   | One Year                     | Such penalty as Football NT or the grievance committee determines (if any) |

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| <b>14</b> | Assault/striking   | One Year   | Such penalty as Football NT or the grievance committee determines (if any)                          |
| <b>15</b> | Violent conduct  | One Year   | Such penalty as Football NT or the grievance committee determines (if any)                          |
| <b>16</b> | Serious violent conduct (including, but not limited to, spitting at or on a Player, Spectator, Club Official, Team Official or FNT employee or representative including media and sponsors)  | Two years  | Such penalty as Football NT or the grievance committee determines (if any)                          |
| <b>17</b> | Damaging property/equipment  | One Month  | Such penalty as Football NT or the grievance committee determines (if any)                          |
| <b>18</b> | Showing Contempt   | Six Weeks  | Such penalty as Football NT or the grievance committee determines (if any)                          |
| <b>19</b> | Breach of the prohibition on dual registration (as per article 4.9 of the FA National Registration Regulations)  | \$300.00 fine and Two weeks  | Club fined \$300.00 OR Such penalty as Football NT or the grievance committee determines (if any)   |
| <b>20</b> | Breach of Football NT Rules and Regulations or FA National Registration Regulations relating to registration (other than dual registration) and/or competitions  | Such penalty as Football NT or the grievance committee determines (if any) | Club fined \$300.00 OR Such penalty as Football NT or the grievance committee determines (if any)   |
| <b>21</b> | Possessing a Prohibited Item at a Match, Fixture or Football NT event  | \$500.00 fine and Twenty-six weeks   | Club fine of \$500.00 OR Such penalty as Football NT or the grievance committee determines (if any) |
| <b>22</b> | Throwing missiles including, but not limited to, on to the Field of Play or at other Spectators  | \$500.00 fine and One Year   | Club fine of \$500.00 OR Such penalty as Football NT or the grievance committee determines (if any) |
| <b>23</b> | Bring in to (or attempting to bring into) a stadium, venue, ground or centre national or political flags or emblems (except for the recognised national flags of any of the competing teams) or insulting, offensive, inappropriate, religious or political banners or slogans, whether written in English or a foreign language | \$500.00 fine and twenty-six weeks   | Club fine \$500.00 OR Such penalty as Football NT or the grievance committee determines (if any)    |
| <b>24</b> | Letting off incendiary device(s) or fire(s)  | \$500.00 fine and Twenty-six weeks   | Club fine of \$500.00 OR Such penalty as Football NT or the grievance committee determines (if any) |
| <b>25</b> | Group of Spectators uttering insulting words or sounds   | Four weeks   | Club fine \$300.00 OR Such penalty as Football NT or the grievance committee determines (if any)    |

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| <b>26</b> | Breach of a Suspension, Notice of Suspension or Determination  | Such penalty as Football NT or the grievance committee determines (if any) | Such penalty as Football NT or the grievance committee determines (if any)                          |
| <b>27</b> | Betting, match-fixing or corruption (as per clause 4 of the FA Code of Conduct)  | \$1000.00 fine and One year  | Club fine \$500.00 OR Such penalty as Football NT or the grievance committee determines (if any)    |
| <b>28</b> | Misconduct and/or Bringing the game into Disrepute   | \$500.00 fine and Twenty-six weeks   | Club fine \$1000.00 OR Such penalty as Football NT or the grievance committee determines (if any)   |
| <b>29</b> | Detrimental Public Comment (including Media and Social Media)<br>Including but not limited to, comments that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. denigrate or criticise Football NT (including any of its staff and Board), FA or any of their commercial partners;</li> <li>ii. denigrate or criticise another Member, whether in relation to incidents that have occurred in a Match/Fixture or otherwise;</li> <li>iii. denigrate or criticise a Participant by inappropriately commenting on any aspect of his or her performance, abilities or characteristics;</li> <li>iv. refer to the likely outcome of a matter being investigated by Football NT or a matter or hearing before a Body;</li> <li>v. criticise the outcome of a Football NT investigation;</li> <li>vi. criticise the decision of a Body;</li> <li>vii. criticise a Body or any of its members; or</li> <li>viii. criticise any evidence, submission or other comment made by any person at or in relation to a matter or hearing before a Body</li> </ul> | \$500.00 fine and Twenty-six weeks   | Club fine \$1000.00 OR Such penalty as Football NT or the grievance committee determines (if any)   |
| <b>31</b> | Other action or behaviour in breach the FA Code of Conduct, the FA National Registration Regulations, the FA Spectator Code of Behaviour and/or the FA National Member Protection Policy not identified elsewhere in this Table  | \$500.00 fine and Eight weeks  | Club fine of \$500.00 OR Such penalty as Football NT or the grievance committee determines (if any) |
| <b>32</b> | Threatening or intimidating language or conduct towards an individual  | \$500.00 fine and Twenty-six weeks   | Club fine \$1000.00 OR Such penalty as Football NT or the grievance committee determines (if any)   |
| <b>33</b> | Threat of physical violence towards an individual or his/her family or property  | \$500.00 fine and Twenty-six weeks   | Club fine \$1000.00 OR Such penalty as Football NT or the grievance committee determines (if any)   |

\* and \*\* above include lengthier sanctions than prescribed by FA to reflect the strategic priority of FNT in this area to get an immediate improvement in players behaviour.

This Appendix provides Competition-specific information for use by Clubs, Teams and Team Officials. This Appendix is a formal part of the Competition Rules and as such breaches may incur sanctions in accordance with the Competition Rules.

\* The offences set out in Tables A.B and A.C are not intended to be exhaustive and the Executive may bring any charge pursuant to FNT By Law 8.

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

## APPENDIX B - COMPETITIONS FINES

| ITEMS | DETAILS                                       | REGULATIONS | FEEES             |
|-------|---|-------------|-------------------|
| 1     | Double registration                           | 2.7.3       | \$500             |
| 2     | Nomination after team-nomination cut-off date | 3.1.2       | \$200             |
| 3     | De-registration                               | 3.3.4.1     | \$200             |
| 4     | Team Withdrawal                               | 3.7.3 (c)   | \$1000            |
| 5     | Failure to play an eligible player            | 4.2.8       | \$250             |
| 6     | Technical Area Breach                         | 4.13.2      | \$250             |
| 7     | Failure to Play Match                         | 4.6.2       | \$300             |
| 8     | Failure to Lodge a Completed Team Sheet       | 4.8.1       | \$200             |
| 9     | Failure to provide Approved Match Ball        | 4.10        | \$100             |
| 10    | Yellow Card (Cautions)                        | 5.2.1       | \$100             |
| 11    | Red Card (Expulsion)                          | 5.3         | \$150             |
| 12    | Appeal  | 6.3         | \$500             |
| 13    | Give false or misleading information          | 6.5.3       | Up to \$5,000     |
| 14    | Assault on Match Officials                    | 5.5.3       | \$1000-<br>\$1500 |