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Case Ref: TA26010

Date of hearing: 15 / 04 / 2026
Hearing Type: Tribunal Hearing

Parties to hearing

Party 1	Nick Kyriopoulos (FFA ID: 90828377) – Brunswick City SC
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Date of alleged offence/fixture (if applicable)

27/03/2025

PARTY 1

Determinations of Charge(s), Claim(s), Matter(s), or Misconduct(s) – as applicable:	Charge No.	Plea	Finding	Determination (be specific)
	<p>PARTY 1:</p> <p>Party 1 Nick Kyriopoulos (FFA ID: 90828377) – Brunswick City SC is charged with Red Card Offence R8_5 (B) Offences against Match Officials - Threatening or intimidating language and/or conduct towards a Match Official or conduct reasonably perceived as a threat of physical violence towards a Match Official or their family or property resulting in a penalty of Auto + 15 Matches. Party 1 wishes to contest this charge.</p>	N/G	Different red card offence applied	<p>The Tribunal considered the video evidence, the referee's report, the AR's report and the report by the 4th official.</p> <p>At the hearing, the Tribunal heard orally from the referee and the AR.</p> <p>The Tribunal considered the video evidence, written submissions (i.e., Party 1's transcript and timeline of what occurred) and numerous character references, supplied by Party 1.</p> <p>At the hearing, Party 1's legal representative also made oral submissions based on the video and Party 1's transcript and timeline of events, as compared to the AR's report.</p> <p>At first instance, Party 1's wish was to make his oral submissions in tandem with the questioning of the AR but the AR did not feel comfortable with any repeat, minute by minute viewing of the video and preferred to let her written</p>

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			<p>incident report be taken as read.</p> <p>Party 1's legal representative agreed to proceed without the AR and presented his submissions accordingly.</p> <p>The Tribunal determined, pursuant to its powers under clause 4.9(b)(iii) of the FV Grievance and Tribunal By-Law, that the more appropriate charge relative to the awarding of the red card against Party 1 was R8_4(B) inappropriate conduct.</p> <p>The Tribunal determined that, to the relevant standard, charge R8_4(B) was proven.</p> <p>The conduct of Party 1 towards the Match Officials from approximately the 73rd minute (the immediate aftermath of the disallowed goal from the corner) to the awarding of the red card in dispute, was wholly inappropriate, comprising of, among other things, sustained use of inappropriate language, gestures, conduct, dissent and tone.</p> <p>The Tribunal notes that the baseline minimum penalty for the above offence of Party 1 is the penalty of Auto + 9.</p> <p>Once Party 1 received the red card, he thereafter moved towards the AR in an aggressive, intimidating manner that caused the AR to feel threatened and which was accompanied by derogatory</p>
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			<p>and offensive language. And even when directed off the field by the AR and escorted off by others, Party 1 continued to shout at the AR.</p> <p>The Tribunal further considers that the above post-red card behaviour must be deemed aggravating features for which a fair and appropriate penalty is a further + 6 matches.</p> <p>This means that the total effective sanction is Auto + 15.</p> <p>In considering sanction, the Tribunal weighed the following factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The seriousness of the breach of Rule and the aggravating features • The paramountcy of respect for and the dignity of officials in football. • General and specific deterrence. • Party 1's acknowledgement, through his legal representative, that he should apologise to the AR. • Party 1's acknowledgement, through his legal representative, that his behaviour on the night in question could be deemed captured by either R8_2 or R8_3, and when questioned accepted that it was open to the Tribunal to make a finding of R8_4. • Party 1's contribution to the game of football and his club as a player and coach
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				and his character references.
Other notes:	Leave was granted for Adrian Anderson of Counsel to appear for Party 1.			
Chair:	Name: Jack Anderson		Signature: <i>Jack Anderson</i>	
Member:	Name: Emmi de Mestre		Signature: <i>EdM</i>	
Member:	Name: Thomas Patereskos		Signature: <i>Thomas Patereskos</i>	