



# GRIEVANCE & DISCIPLINE

2026 REGULATIONS



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# 1. INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVES

## 1.1 Overview

- 1.1.1 These regulations are made by Football Victoria Incorporated (**FV**) to support the FV Grievance and Tribunal By-Law which was made pursuant to Rule 15 of the FV Constitution.
- 1.1.2 The 2025 Grievance, Disciplinary and Tribunal By-Law 11 is repealed.
- 1.1.3 The Objectives of these regulations are to:
  - (a) ensure that all Club Associates and Match Officials observe the Laws;
  - (b) ensure that Football is played competitively and fairly in a sporting fashion and in accordance with the Laws;
  - (c) encourage participation in Football and to improve and advance Football as a spectator sport, and to provide a safe and secure playing and spectating environment;
  - (d) provide a system which sets out processes, procedures, guidelines and penalties for any Club Associate(s) or Match Official who breaches the Laws; and
  - (e) ensure that any charges brought against a Club Associate(s) or Match Official at a Tribunal and any appeal from a Tribunal decision are conducted fairly and in accordance with the principles of procedural fairness.

*Note: it is not intended that Tribunal hearings are “legalistic” or that people or entities appearing before the Tribunal escape sanction or punishment by exploiting “loopholes” or technicalities in this By-law. Common sense should prevail. See for example Clauses 4.3 (d)(ii) and 4.3 (f) of the Grievance and Tribunal By-Law.*

- 1.1.4 The 2026 Grievance & Discipline Regulations are known as the GDR.

## 2. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

In the Grievance and Tribunal By-Law and GDR:

<b>Abandoned Match</b>	means a Match which has commenced but has been stopped by the Match Official prior to its conclusion.
<b>Additional Suspension</b>	means any Suspension in addition to an Automatic Suspension.
<b>Appeal</b>	means an appeal against a Tribunal determination under the Grievance and Tribunal By-Law.
<b>Automatic Suspension (also referred to as Auto)</b>	means a one-Match Suspension (subject to clause 4) that cannot be reviewed or challenged and commences immediately upon issue of a Red or Yellow Card, as the case may be, by the Referee, irrespective of notification from FV.
<b>CEO</b>	means FV's Chief Executive Officer.
<b>Club</b>	has the same meaning as the FV Constitution.
<b>Club Associate(s)</b>	<p>means one or more of the following, whether individually or collectively:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Club Director(s), Committee Member(s) and Office Bearer(s);</li><li>(b) Team Official(s) (including but not limited to a coach, team manager or anyone who is officially associated with or on behalf of a Club);</li><li>(c) Player(s) of a Club;</li><li>(d) Member(s) of a Club as defined in the Club's Constitution;</li><li>(e) Supporter(s) of a Club, including but not limited to individuals identified as wearing club colours or voicing or demonstrating support for a Club;</li><li>(f) Spectators at a Match, who unless otherwise identified with a Club are deemed to be supporters of the Home Club;</li><li>(g) Any person(s) involved with and/or who contributes to the game of Football in any capacity;</li><li>(h) Club(s);</li><li>(i) Team(s),</li></ul> <p>And for the avoidance of doubt, a Supporter or Spectator need not be known to a Club in order to qualify as such.</p>
<b>Competition Season</b>	means any series of competitive Matches determined by FV but does not include a Finals Series.

<b>FA</b>	means Football Australia.
<b>FIFA</b>	means Fédération Internationale de Football Association.
<b>Finals Series</b>	means a series of finals Matches as designated by FV.
<b>Fine</b>	means any monetary penalty imposed by FV, the Tribunal or Appeals Board.
<b>Football</b>	means Association Football, the sport/game which is administered by FV/FA/FIFA and/or any forms, variations, kinds, types or related activities conducted under the auspices of FV. Football and soccer have corresponding meanings.
<b>Forfeit</b>	means the same as defined in the Rules of Competition.
<b>Form</b>	means any of the forms set out in Schedule 4.
<b>FV</b>	is defined in clause 1.1.
<b>FV Designate</b>	means a person designated under clause 3.1.1.
<b>Grievance</b>	means a Dispute (as defined in the FV Constitution) to which Clause 8.2(h) or 8.3 of the FV Constitution applies.
<b>Immediate Surrounds</b>	includes, but is not limited to, the technical area, Team bench, the change rooms and the Referees' room.
<b>Laws</b>	means Laws of the Game, the FV, FA and FIFA Constitution, Statutes, Regulations (including these GDR), By-laws, Rules of Competition, Policies and Codes of Conduct as are applicable from time to time;
<b>Lodged or Lodging</b>	means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) hand delivering during regular business hours to a staff member at FV's main office; or</li><li>(b) e-mail to "discipline@footballvictoria.com.au"; or</li><li>(c) registered (i.e. signed-for) post to FV's main office.</li></ul>
<b>Match</b>	means any game of Football played under the auspices of FV, and in applicable cases FA, or otherwise played under FV's direction or control, including but not limited to non-FV games where FV has appointed Match Officials or deems the game under its auspices. It encompasses all Match Time and all Immediate Surrounds.
<b>Match Official</b>	includes the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) FV appointed Senior Match Official (also known as the Referee);</li><li>(b) Assistant Match Official (also known as Assistant Referee);</li><li>(c) Match Assessor;</li><li>(d) any other person designated by FV as a Match Official; and</li></ul>

(e) any individual who acts as a Match Official in any Match.

**Match Time**

means a period of time designated for a Match to be played, including one hour prior to the scheduled kick off time and one hour after the Referee has signaled full time. Match time also includes:

- (a) pre-Match inspections and address;
- (b) half time intervals; and
- (c) post-Match formalities including but not limited to signing Match Records, and during which time the Match Official(s) retains jurisdiction.

**Melee (non-violent)**

means a confrontation, altercation and/or a heated exchange of words and/or gestures between 3 or more persons who are either Players or Club Associates whether on or off the field.

**Melee (violent)**

means a violent clash, struggle and/or fight, between 3 or more persons who are either Players or Club Associates whether on or off the field, and where 1 or more persons are either physically injured or in FV's reasonable opinion likely to have been physically injured, regardless of whether any such injury may be serious or otherwise.

**Misconduct**

means any act or omission by a Club Associate, Match Official or any other party bound by the GDR (subject to clause 3.4(b)below) that constitutes:

- (a) a breach of the Laws; or
- (b) participating, assisting or arranging the participation or assistance of others in any Match fixing, gambling or betting activities in relation to a Match; or
- (c) in the opinion of FV, conduct which is or may be or has a result that is or may be prejudicial to the interests or reputation of either the game of Football in Victoria, FV or of any of its sponsors or associates.

**Misconduct Penalty**

means any one of the penalties set out in Schedule 3 of these regulations.

**Misconduct Offence**

means any one of the offences set out in Schedule 3 of these regulations.

**Offence**

means a Red Card Offence and/or a Misconduct Offence.

**Penalty Unit**

means the amount set out in Schedule 2 of these regulations.

**Play off**

means a Match or Matches other than a Finals Series to determine final ladder positions, promotion opportunity or relegation and unless otherwise specified in these regulations is part of a Competition Season.

<b>Recommended Penalty</b>	means the relevant recommended sanction for Misconduct Offences as per Schedule 3 of these regulations.
<b>Red Card Offence</b>	means any one of the offences set out in Schedule 1 Part B or C of these regulations as the case may be.
<b>Red Card Penalty</b>	means any one of the penalties set out in Schedule 1 Part C of these regulations.
<b>Red Card Referral</b>	means a review by the Tribunal at first instance of an Additional Suspension issued by FV as a result of a Red Card Offence, subject to Clause 4.13(b).
<b>Season</b>	means the Regular Season as defined in the Rules of Competition, and includes any finals or play-off fixtures, and any Cup fixtures held in the same calendar year.
<b>Serious Offence</b>	means the charges as set out as a “serious offence” in Schedule 3 of these regulations and each of them.
<b>Suspension</b>	has the meaning set out in Clause 6.1 below and includes an Automatic Suspension and an Additional Suspension.
<b>Team</b>	means a group of Players fielded by a Club to participate in a Match.
<b>Tribunal</b>	means the specialist, independent panel of 1 to 3 appointed members that hears and determines allegations of Misconduct. Tribunal cases may include on field Misconduct, Suspensions and Member Protection matters, and/or other Misconduct offences as warranted by FV to the jurisdiction as prescribed by the FV Grievance and Tribunal By-Law and/or these regulations. References to the Tribunal may be a reference to the first instance panel, or Appeals Board, as relevant in the circumstances.
<b>Tribunal Fasttrack</b>	means the process described at Clause 4.8 of FV Grievance and Tribunal By-Law, where a single member Tribunal will consider a Red Card Referral on paper without the need for attendance at a hearing by the Player, Team Official or FV.
<b>Tribunal Referral</b>	means a review by the Tribunal at first instance of a Misconduct Offence issued by FV, or other appeal as described at Clause 5.6.2, subject to Clause 5.3.

Any term defined in Rule 23.1 of the FV Constitution; the FV Grievance and Tribunal By-Law; the FV Rules of Competition; FV Registration Regulations; the Laws of the Game; the FA Grievance Procedure and FA National Disciplinary Regulations for the purposes of these regulations has the same meaning as set out in that document unless otherwise expressed in these regulations. Headings and examples are for convenience only and do not affect interpretation.

## 3. OFFENCES

### 3.1 Charge/Investigation

- 3.1.1 Subject to these regulations only the CEO or a member of the FV Disciplinary department, may issue an Offence on behalf of FV against (subject to clause 3.4.2 below) a Club Associate or a Match Official.
- 3.1.2 These regulations apply to any and all Matches, and to any Club Associate, Match Official or any other party bound by these regulations, whether in relation to a Match or otherwise.
- 3.1.3 FV may investigate any matter that is relevant in its opinion to whether an Offence ought to be issued. The following apply:
  - (a) Such investigation may be carried out by FV as it sees fit and Club Associates, Match Officials or any other party bound by these regulations are required to cooperate fully with FV in the conduct of an investigation.
  - (b) In complex, serious, or politically sensitive matters, in the absolute discretion of the FV Designate, FV may appoint an independent investigator to conduct the investigation in FV's stead and provide a report to FV. Any actions or decisions thereafter remain those of FV, for example they are subject to clauses 5.1.3 and 5.1.4(b) below.
  - (c) The decision under the preceding sub-clause to (or not to) appoint an independent investigator in any matter is not subject to review.
- 3.1.4 At any time, the FV Designate may in their absolute discretion determine whether any Offence will be issued against a Club Associate, Match Official or any other party bound by these regulations and whether it will be dealt with by:
  - (a) the Tribunal;
  - (b) a Red Card Offence or Misconduct Offence;
  - (c) mediation under these regulations;
  - (d) any combination of the above; or
  - (e) in any other manner that FV deems appropriate.
- 3.1.5 The determination in clause 3.1.4 is not subject to review.
- 3.1.6 The FV Designate may in their absolute discretion choose to dismiss or not investigate any matter that they determine to be a claim or complaint instituted without sufficient grounds and serving or designed only to cause harm or annoyance to another party, or determine at any time whether no action is to be taken in relation to any matter.
- 3.1.7 In determining matters under these regulations, a written or oral report provided by a Match Official stands as the facts of the event (not including where the Match Official is the subject). The onus rests with the party challenging the facts of the event to establish to the comfortable satisfaction of FV that the facts as recorded are inaccurate or otherwise misrepresent the event.

## 3.2 Strict Liability of Clubs

- 3.2.1 All Clubs are responsible and liable for the conduct of their Club Associate(s) at or in the vicinity of any Match.
- 3.2.2 The strict liability obligations of a Club within Clause 3.2.1 above apply regardless of the responsibilities attached to any other person or entity in respect of a Match or event.
- 3.2.3 Notwithstanding Clause 3.2.1 above the FV Designate may, in their absolute discretion, elect not to issue a Misconduct Offence against a Club in relation to Club Associate conduct where:
- (a) the Club is (for the relevant Match or event) compliant with Match day security standards and/or protocols as published by FV from time to time (for example, the Match Day Risk & Security Policy); and
  - (b) the Club cooperates with any investigation by FV into the alleged Misconduct, including without limitation naming or identifying, upon request by FV, those individuals or Club Associates known to the Club in relation to the alleged Misconduct; and
  - (c) on review of the information available, they form the view that to proceed against the Club for the actions of the Club Associates is unduly harsh or unfair in the circumstances.
- 3.2.4 Matters that the FV Designate may consider in forming a view under Clause 3.2.3(c) above include but are not limited to:
- (a) The discipline, Tribunal and Misconduct history of the Club or individuals;
  - (b) the cooperation of the Club;
  - (c) the significance of the nature of the Misconduct;
  - (d) whether the Club acted swiftly to counter the Misconduct and denounce the incident at the relevant times; and/or
  - (e) whether the Club has taken any relevant action of its own regarding the Misconduct.
- 3.2.5 Where a Club complies with all the matters in Clause 3.2.3 above, the FV Designate nevertheless retains an absolute discretion to proceed against the Club for the Misconduct where they are of the view that the relevant Misconduct is of a particularly egregious or significant nature. Where FV does so proceed against the Club, the Tribunal may consider these factors in penalty mitigation in circumstances where the Club is found guilty of Misconduct at a subsequent hearing.

*By way of example: where a Club Associate of a Club releases flares at a Match, FV may decide to not proceed against the Club in its absolute discretion where the Club: acts swiftly to deal with the flare at the time; identifies the Club Associate to FV; and provides such cooperation to FV as otherwise requested. Any such decision will not preclude FV from proceeding against the Club Associate(s) in question for the conduct described.*

### **3.3 Recognition of Bans**

- 3.3.1 FV may recognise and apply any validly imposed suspension applied further to the Laws (including the FA National Banning Regulations) upon a Club Associate, as well as any validly imposed suspension upon a Club Associate by another Member Federation or Regional Victoria Soccer Association, in its absolute discretion.
- 3.3.2 Where such suspension is significantly greater in penalty or effect for a given offence than an equivalent Suspension in these regulations, the relevant Club Associate may apply to FV for the matter to be referred to the independent Tribunal for consideration of the Suspension penalty only for FV's purposes (but not for consideration of the facts of the matter or the finding).

*Additional note on Clause 3.3 above: stakeholders should be aware that the FA National Banning Regulations have been revised to include football matches that are sanctioned by a State Member Body (such as FV) and in which an A-League club is participating. Persons banned by the FA in connection with A-League clubs may be prohibited from attending relevant NPL games.*

### **3.4 Independence and transparency of disciplinary process**

- 3.4.1 No Member (as defined in the FV Constitution) or director of FV may:
- (a) overturn, annul, or amend, or otherwise interfere after the fact with any determination of the Tribunal; and/or
  - (b) attempt to exert any direct or indirect pressure upon, or attempt to influence FV, FV staff (including the FV Designate), any investigator or the parties concerned in relation to any matters pertaining to these regulations including but not limited to Offences and investigations.
- 3.4.2 Any breach of this clause 3.4 must (and FV has no discretion) result in the issue of an MP10 Misconduct Offence against the person or people committing the breach (which for this purpose is not limited to a Club Associate or Match Official such that this clause has jurisdiction over any person whomsoever) and a Tribunal to be scheduled as soon as possible to determine the Misconduct Offence. The results and/or consequences of that breach are null and void ab initio.

*Note also clause 8.5.1.*

## 4. YELLOW CARDS AND RED CARDS

### 4.1 Misconduct by a Player or Team Official

- 4.1.1 Misconduct by a Player or Team Official that occurs during Match Time may result in:
- (a) a caution (**Yellow Card**), as defined in Clause 4.2 below;
  - (b) an expulsion (**Red Card**) either Direct or Indirect, as defined in Clause 4.9.1 and/or
  - (c) a charge of Misconduct, including the Misconduct Offences as per Clause 5 below against a Player or Team Official, and in applicable cases a Club, in accordance with the provisions of these regulations.

### 4.2 Yellow Card Offences

A Yellow Card is a caution from a Match Official to a Player or Team Official for a minor infringement (Law 12 of the Laws of the Game), as set out in Schedule 1. Part A of these regulations.

### 4.3 Temporary Dismissals

This clause 4.3 and its consequential amendments shall only apply in the event that FV determines to enact a Sin Bin program. If so, Clubs will be notified in advance.

- 4.3.1 In the event that a Match Official determines that a Player has used words or gestures that question or undermine a Match Official's decision, the Match Official may issue a temporary dismissal for a period of 10 minutes.
- 4.3.2 The Player issued with a temporary dismissal must immediately leave the field of play and shall only be permitted back on the field by the Match Official once the temporary dismissal time has elapsed.
- 4.3.3 If the period does not expire before the end of the first-half, the remainder will continue to the second-half.
- 4.3.4 If the period does not expire before the end of the second-half, the remainder will continue into extra-time.
- 4.3.5 If the period does not expire before the end of extra-time, the Player can still participate in penalties.
- 4.3.6 The temporary dismissal will be considered as a Yellow Card for the purposes of section 4.4.
- 4.3.7 A Player issued with a temporary dismissal may not be substituted during the period.
- 4.3.8 A temporarily dismissed player who commits a Yellow Card or Red Card offence during their temporary dismissal period will take no further part in the match and may not be replaced or substituted.
- 4.3.9 A Player who receives two temporary dismissals in the same Match:
- (a) must immediately leave the field of play and its Immediate Surrounds, and any other area the Match Official instructs, during the Match;

- (b) may be replaced by a substitute at the end of the second temporary dismissal period if both their Team has not used its maximum number of substitutes and the Player issued with the temporary dismissal has not also received a Yellow Card.

#### 4.4 Accumulation of Yellow Cards

- 4.4.1 A Player who accumulates the following Yellow Card infringements during the same Competition Season, regardless of the league or competition or Club in which those Yellow Cards are received (including Yellow Cards received in junior competitions), receives the following sanction, which is not conditional upon notification from FV:

Number of Yellow Cards accumulated	Automatic Suspension	Fine imposed on Team (not Juniors)	In addition
5 during the same Competition Season	1 Match	1.25 Penalty Units	N/A
10 during the same Competition Season	2 Matches	2.50 Penalty Units	N/A
15 during the same Competition Season	3 Matches	5.00 Penalty Units	Referred to Tribunal for determination of Misconduct

For the avoidance of doubt, fines in the table above shall not apply to Juniors (the Automatic Suspension and additional referral will).

Players must serve an Automatic Suspension accrued under this clause in the competition in which they received the most Yellow Cards. In the event of an even number of Yellow Cards, the suspension must be served in the competition in which the most recent Yellow Card was received.

A Team Official who accumulates the following Yellow Card infringements during the same Competition Season, regardless of the league or competition or Club in which those Yellow Cards are received (including Yellow Cards received in junior competitions), receives the following sanction, which is not conditional upon notification from FV:

Number of Yellow Cards accumulated:	Automatic Suspension	Fine imposed on Team	In addition
3 during the same Competition Season	1 Match	1.25 Penalty Units	N/A
5 during the same Competition Season	2 Matches	2.50 Penalty Units	N/A
7 during the same Competition Season	3 Matches	5.00 Penalty Units	Referred to Tribunal for determination of Misconduct

For the avoidance of doubt, Yellow Cards issued to a Team Official acting in a Team

Official capacity, who is also registered as a Player for a Club will count as being issued to a Team Official, not a Player, and vice versa.

4.4.2 The Automatic Suspension(s) as a result of an accumulation of Yellow Cards:

- (a) cannot be appealed (see in particular the note regarding mistaken identity below); and
- (b) operates from the time of notification of the Suspension by FV, with the exception of NPL Men's Senior and Under 23's, VPL Men's (1 and 2) Senior and Under 23's and NPL Women's Senior and Under 20's competitions. Clubs in these competitions are responsible for tracking Yellow Cards themselves and withdrawing Players accordingly; and
- (c) must be served in the competition in which the most recent of the 5 (or 10 or 15 as the case may be) Yellow Cards were received. Where a Player or Team Official has moved leagues or Clubs, the Suspension must be served in the new league or Club, unless determined otherwise by FV. The new Club is responsible for checking the Yellow Card history of a Player or Team Official.

*Note: Notification of an offence under this clause shall be processed by FV's Competition management platform. Notification of the offence will be issued to the designated Club Administrator and relevant Player/Team Official.*

*Note: FV is dependent upon receiving match records from the Match Official. FV cannot be held responsible for any delay in receiving records from Match Officials, that may result in a delay in notification of Yellow Cards.*

*Note: Yellow Cards and Red Cards may be the subject of a Match Record dispute regarding mistaken identity and the time limits for such disputes are set out in the relevant Rules of Competition.*

4.4.3 For the avoidance of doubt, Clause 6.3.1 below of these regulations applies.

4.4.4 Notwithstanding Clause 4.4.1 above, for FA Cup Matches a Player or Team Official who accumulates 3 Yellow Card infringements during the same FA Cup competition receives:

- (a) an Automatic Suspension; and
- (b) a Fine of 1.25 Penalty Units to the Player's or Team Official's Team.

4.4.5 Where a Team participating in a Competition Match receives a total of 6 or more yellow cards issued to separate Club Associates, this may amount to Misconduct in FV's absolute discretion. For the purposes of this clause, a player who is cautioned but later receives an Indirect Red Card within the same game is not included in the total number of yellow cards.

## **4.5 Best and Fairest Eligibility**

For the avoidance of doubt:

4.5.1 The Advanced Competitions Rules of Competition provides that a Player who receives a Suspension is ineligible to win a Best and Fairest award in the Competition in which the Suspension was received. This includes but is not limited to a Player who receives ten (10) Yellow Cards or more in a Regular Season

(ie, a one Match ban under Clause 4.4.1 above does not make a Player ineligible, but accumulation of a two Match ban under Clause 4.4.1 above does make a Player ineligible for a Best and Fairest award).

- 4.5.2 The Community Rules of Competition provides that a Player who receives a Suspension in a Competition Match during the Regular Season (excluding Play Off and Final Matches) is ineligible to win a Best and Fairest award in any given Regular Season. This includes but is not limited to a player who receives five (5) Yellow Cards or more in a Regular Season (ie, a one Match ban under Clause 4.4.1 above in State League does make a Player ineligible for a Best and Fairest award).

## 4.6 Finals

- 4.6.1 At the conclusion of the Competition Season the number of Yellow Cards accumulated against each Player and Team Official is reset to zero. Players and Team Officials otherwise eligible for a Finals Series commence the Finals Series with no Yellow Cards recorded against them.
- 4.6.2 A Player or Team Official who accumulates 2 Yellow Cards (including via a temporary dismissal if Clause 4.3 is enacted) in separate Matches during a Finals Series receives:
- (a) an Automatic Suspension, which cannot be appealed and which must be served in the Finals Series in which the 2<sup>nd</sup> Yellow Card was received, unless determined otherwise by FV; and
  - (b) a Fine of 1.25 Penalty Units to the Player's or Team Official's Team (not Juniors).

## 4.7 Accumulation of Yellow Cards Automatic Suspension in Final Game of Season or Finals

Notwithstanding any other provision in these regulations or the Rules of Competition, the following applies:

- 4.7.1 Despite Clause 4.6.1 above, any Player or Team Official that receives a Suspension subject to Clause 4.4 above as a result of the final round of the Competition Season must serve their Suspension in the next available Match including any relevant Finals Series where applicable.

*By way of example, where a Player or Team Official accrues their 5th Yellow Card in the final round of the regular league Season and where that Player or Team Official:*

- *is not playing Finals, then the Automatic Suspension for the accumulation of Yellow Cards will be served in Round 1 of the following competition league season; or*
- *is playing Finals, then the Automatic Suspension for the accumulation of Yellow Cards will be served in the first week of the Finals Series.*

- 4.7.2 Clause 4.7.1 applies for an Automatic Suspension for accumulation of a 10th or 15th Yellow Card (as the case may be) as well, such that the Suspension may fall across two competition league seasons, including Finals or part thereof.

- 4.7.3 Where a Player or Team Official accrues 2 Yellow Cards in a Finals Series subject to Clause 4.6.2 above, and where that Player or Team Official:

- (a) has a further Finals Series Match to be played, then the Automatic Suspension for the accumulation of 2 Yellow Cards must be served in the next Match in that Finals Series; or
- (b) does not have a further Finals Series Match to be played, then the Automatic Suspension for the accumulation of 2 Yellow Cards expires with the Finals Series, and is not served in the next Competition Season.

*By way of example: where a 2nd Yellow Card is accrued by a Player during a Grand Final Match, the Automatic Suspension will not be served by the Player in Rd 1 of the league the Player is in for the following Season.*

- 4.7.4 For the avoidance of doubt, Clauses 4.7.1 above and 4.7.3 above prevail to the extent of any inconsistency in any other FV rule, regulation or by-law.

## **4.8 Voluntarily standing down Players for accumulated Yellow Cards**

- 4.8.1 Where a Club (other than those named in Clause 4.4.2(b)) becomes aware of a Player having accrued their 5th, 10th or 15th Yellow Card (as the case may be) or a Team Official having accrued their 3rd, 5th or 7th (as the case may be) prior to the Club receiving notification from FV, and the Club wishes to exclude the Player or Team Official from a Match for the purposes of serving an Automatic Suspension, the Club must prior to the Match:
- (a) notify FV of the Player's or Team Official's accumulated Yellow Card status and the Club's intent to exclude the Player or Team Official from the Match; and
  - (b) if requested, provide the Match Records for the Player or Team Official showing the Yellow Cards received.
- 4.8.2 If a Club excludes a Player or Team Official from a Match without prior notification to FV, then that exclusion may not be considered as an Automatic Suspension served for that Player or Team Official, in FV's absolute discretion.

## **4.9 Red Card Offences**

- 4.9.1 A Red Card may be issued by a Referee to a Player or Team Official in respect of a serious infringement (Law 12 of the Laws of the Game) as set out in Schedule 1. Part B of these regulations. Red Cards may either be Direct or Indirect:
- (a) If a Player is given two Yellow Cards during Match Time in the same Match, that person must be given an Indirect Red Card, which replaces the two Yellow Cards that gave rise to it.
  - (b) If a Player is given a Direct Red Card during Match Time, any Yellow Card the Player has previously received in Match Time remains in place.
- 4.9.2 Subject to these regulations, a Player or Team Official who is given a Direct or Indirect Red Card:
- (a) must immediately leave the field of play and its Immediate Surrounds, and any other area the Match Official instructs, during the Match in which the Red Card is given; and
  - (b) receives
    - an Automatic Suspension (which for the avoidance of doubt applies immediately upon notification by the Match Official), cannot be removed

other than to rectify a case of mistaken identity or via the Obvious Error process outlined below in Clause 4.14, and applies irrespective of notice from FV, or of the remainder of the penalties in this Clause 4.9.2(b) occurring);

- a Penalty in accordance with Schedule 2; and/or
- a Fine of 1.25 Penalty Units to the Player's Team if applicable (see Schedule 2).

4.9.3 In addition to the penalties in Clause 4.9.2 above, a Team Official who is given a Red Card may give instructions to the person replacing that Team Official in the technical area but must not:

- (a) disturb any spectators, Players or Club Associates or disrupt the flow of play;
- (b) enter the Team dressing room at half time; and/or
- (c) attend any official post-Match press conference as required in the relevant competition regulations.

4.9.4 Upon notification to FV by the Referee of a Red Card, FV must categorise and grade the severity of the Red Card in accordance with the Red Card Offences in Schedule 1. Part C of these regulations, and advise the Player or Team Official.

4.9.5 In addition to the grading of the severity of a Red Card, FV will also indicate whether the reason for dismissal is determined to be a 'footballing' offence or a 'behavioural offence.' The penalties for each of these offence types differ and are outlined in the Red Card Offences in Schedule 2 of these regulations.

4.9.6 All Red Cards determined to be behavioural offences and Misconduct Offences committed by children under 12 shall incur a Recommended Penalty of an Automatic Suspension and a mandatory education course to be attended with their parent or coach at their cost (course to be approved by FV in advance). Notwithstanding, FV reserves the right to issue a Penalty in accordance with Schedule 2 where FV is of the opinion the incident giving rise to the Red Card/Misconduct Offence is of a serious or egregious nature.

4.9.7 A Player or Team Official who has committed a Red Card Offence as determined by FV under Clause 4.9.4 must serve the corresponding Red Card Penalty.

4.9.8 FV must refer the Red Card Offence to the independent Tribunal where a Red Card is graded at a higher Red Card Penalty than a Suspension of 18 (eighteen) Matches.

4.9.9 FV reserves the right to refer a Red Card Offence to the independent Tribunal for consideration of additional penalty in its absolute discretion where FV is of the opinion the incident giving rise to the Red Card is of a serious or egregious nature or in light of subsequent new evidence.

4.9.10 FV reserves the right to revise a Red Card Offence within 7 days of issue to a more serious Offence in light of subsequent new evidence, with the difference in sanction to be applied.

## **4.10 Multiple Red Card Offences in Match**

4.10.1 Where a Red Card is shown to a Player or Team Official, and the Player or Team Official thereafter performs a further offence(s), FV may in its absolute discretion:

- (a) levy additional penalties against that Player or Team Official using the Red Card

Offence table; or

- (b) refer the conduct to the Tribunal as a Misconduct Offence; or
- (c) a combination of both.

*By way of example: a Player receives a R2 (violent conduct) Direct Red Card for an attempted punch, and on leaving the field uses offensive language towards the referee. FV may proceed in its absolute discretion as follows: either, FV may subject that player to the R2 Red Card Penalty for the violent conduct, and also impose a R8\_3 Red Card Penalty for the offensive language. Alternatively, FV may refer the Player to the Tribunal to face an MP4B Misconduct Offence for the punch and an MP7B Misconduct Offence for the offensive language.*

- 4.10.2 Where FV applies a 2nd Red Card administratively in respect of a further offence under Clause 4.10.1 above, the 2nd Red Card applied by FV does not count as a Red Card for the purposes of Clause 4.9.2 above.

#### 4.11 Multiple Red Card Offences in Season

- 4.11.1 A Player or Team Official who accumulates the following Red Card infringements during the same Competition Season, regardless of the league or competition or Club in which those Red Cards are received or in a Finals Series (excluding junior competitions), receives the following sanction:

Number of Red Cards accumulated	Suspension	In addition
2 during the same Competition Season	Automatic Suspension, plus 1 Match Additional Suspension	N/A
3 during the same Competition Season	Automatic Suspension, plus 2 Match Additional Suspension	N/A
4 or more during the same Competition Season	Automatic Suspension, plus 3 Match Additional Suspension	Referred to Tribunal for determination of Misconduct.

- 4.11.2 The Additional Suspension in Clause 4.11.1 above is not capable of Referral. The Additional Suspension must be served immediately after the Automatic Suspension and is in addition to any penalty under Clause 4.9.1 above.
- 4.11.3 Red Card Offences that are not proven by Tribunal, as described in Clause 4.9 (b)(i) of the FV Grievance and Tribunal By-Law, shall not count towards accumulated Red Cards under this Clause 4.11.

#### 4.12 Red Card Referral

- 4.12.1 A Player or Team Official who has committed a Red Card Offence as determined by FV under Clause 4.9.4 (other than any Red Card Offence resulting in an Automatic Suspension only or in a mandatory Tribunal) may refer the Red Card Offence to the Tribunal.
- 4.12.2 Where a Player or Team Official chooses to refer as per Clause 4.12.1 above:

- (a) a completed Red Card Referral Form (Schedule 4) must be Lodged with FV by 1:00pm on the Monday following Notification of the Red Card Offence; and
  - (b) the relevant Tribunal Request Fee set out in Schedule 2 must accompany the Form; and
  - (c) at the time of Lodging a Tribunal Request Form, all monies owed to FV by the Player or Team Official and their Club (as the case may be) must be paid in full, unless a prior arrangement with FV has been agreed.
- 4.12.3 Where Clause 4.12.2 above is not satisfied the Tribunal has no jurisdiction to hear a matter and the original Red Card Penalty imposed applies.
- 4.12.4 Upon receipt of a Red Card Referral Form and subject to Clause 4.12.2 above, FV must convene a Tribunal to hear the matter as soon as practicable, or facilitate the Tribunal Fasttrack process described at Clause 4.8 of the FV Grievance & Tribunal By-Law, if requested by the Player or Team Official on the Red Card Referral Form.
- 4.12.5 Notwithstanding lodgement of a Red Card Referral Form, until the Tribunal has determined the matter or stayed the operation of any Red Card Penalty, a Player or Team Official must serve all applicable Suspensions.

#### **4.13 Yellow Cards/Red Cards, and Abandoned or Forfeited Matches**

- 4.13.1 If a Match is Abandoned or Forfeited:
- (a) all Red Cards awarded during that Match are not affected or rescinded; and
  - (b) all Yellow Cards awarded during that Match (including via a temporary dismissal if Clause 4.3 is enacted) are not affected or rescinded if the Match is not replayed.

#### **4.14 Obvious Error in Decision of Match Official**

- 4.14.1 This section 4.14 applies only to the following Competitions:
- FV NPL & VPL Seniors (Men & Women)
  - FV NPL & VPL Under 20 & 23 (Men & Women)
  - FV Advanced Juniors (Boys & Girls)
  - Australia Cup
  - Dockerty & NIKE FC Cup
  - FV Men's & Women's State Leagues
  - FV Community Premier League (Boys & Girls)
  - FV Metropolitan & Regional Senior Leagues
- 4.14.2 Where there is sufficient Evidence that leads FV to believe, in its absolute discretion, that an Obvious Error (within the meaning of section 4.14.6) may have been made by a Match Official in a Match, then the FV Designate will be solely responsible for determination.
- 4.14.3 Evidence, for the purposes of these Regulations, means video or video & audio evidence and the relevant Match Official Reports but excludes any other written statements or photos.

- 4.14.4 Any and all evidence upon which a Club or Club Associate wishes to submit to FV for consideration under this clause must be sent to [Discipline@FootballVictoria.com.au](mailto:Discipline@FootballVictoria.com.au) before 5pm on the day that is two (2) business days after the fixture date. Beyond this deadline, no further consideration will be given and the Red Card shall be processed in accordance with these regulations.
- 4.14.5 The lodgement of the Evidence by a Club or Club Associate must be accompanied by a payment of the Red Card Review fee as outlined in Schedule 2. This fee shall be fully refunded in the event of a successful review. Failure to provide payment shall result in the request for review being voided and the Red Card shall be processed in accordance with the relevant Clauses in these regulations as normal. The Red Card would also incur the relevant fine as outlined in Schedule 2.
- 4.14.6 An Obvious Error, for the purpose of these Regulations means a decision by a Match Official to:
- (a) issue a Direct Red Card when no card was warranted; or
  - (b) expel a Team Official when no expulsion was warranted, being a decision that no reasonable Match Official, in the possession of all the facts, including the verifiable Evidence relied upon by FV in section 4.14.3, could reasonably have made.
- 4.14.7 If, after referral, the FV Designate determines that an Obvious Error has been made, FV will make a determination that:
- (a) in the case of a Player, the Player is not required to serve the Automatic Suspension and the Red Card is expunged from the Player's Disciplinary History; or
  - (b) in the case of a Team Official, the Team Official is not required to serve the Automatic Suspension.
- 4.14.8 If, after referral, the FV Designate determines that no Obvious Error has been made, FV will make a determination that the Match Official's original decision will stand and FV will then determine a Suspension and issue a Notice of Suspension to the Participant's Club in accordance with Clause 8. For the avoidance of doubt, in this case, the Participant remains entitled to refer any Red Card offence to Tribunal pursuant to Clause 4.9.4.
- 4.14.9 If FV determines not to review a decision by a Match Official, the Match Official's original decision will stand and FV will then determine a Suspension and issue a Notice of Suspension to the Participant's Club in accordance with Clause 8. For the avoidance of doubt, in this case, the Participant remains entitled to refer to Tribunal any Suspension issued in relation to the decision by the Match Official pursuant to Clause 4.9.4 but neither the Red Card nor the Automatic Suspension may be expunged by Tribunal.
- 4.14.10 After considering the evidence, the FV Designate will decide whether the challenge is to be rejected or is successful. The FV Designate is not obliged to give reasons for any decision it makes.

## 5. OTHER MISCONDUCT

### 5.1 Misconduct Offence

- 5.1.1 FV has adopted a system of penalties that apply to conduct that constitutes a Misconduct Offence (Schedule 3).
- 5.1.2 Upon receipt of an Incident Report or Misconduct Report, or in its absolute discretion, FV may investigate the matter as per Clause 3 above. FV may then:
- (a) issue a Club or Club Associate with a Misconduct Offence, subject to Clause 5.1.3 below; or
  - (b) refer Misconduct Offence(s) matters to the Tribunal.
- 5.1.3 FV must refer the Misconduct Offence(s) to the Tribunal where:
- (a) the corresponding Recommended Penalty at Schedule 3 is greater than a Suspension of 18 (eighteen) Matches or 3 (three) months; or
  - (b) the offence is the second (or subsequent) similar Misconduct Offence during the same Competition Season.
- 5.1.4 A Club or Club Associate issued with a Misconduct Offence(s) by FV under clause 5.1.2(a) may either:
- (a) accept the Misconduct Offence(s) and the corresponding Recommended Penalty imposed by submitting a guilty plea (subject to clause 5.2.1) noting that the Recommended Penalty so levied by FV shall not include loss of competition points as referred to in any Recommended Penalty; or
  - (b) refer the Misconduct Offence(s) to a Tribunal hearing (see clause 5.3); or
  - (c) do nothing, in which case the imposed Misconduct Penalty stands.

### 5.2 Accepting a Misconduct Offence(s)

- 5.2.1 Where a Club or Club Associate wishes to accept a Misconduct Offence(s) in accordance with Clause 5.1.4(a) above, it must Lodge the guilty plea by 5:00pm on the Thursday following notification by FV of the Misconduct Offence. Where a guilty plea is so received, the following applies:
- (a) the amount of Fine payable for the Misconduct Offence(s) will be reduced by 25%; and
  - (b) a one (1) Match reduction of any Additional Suspension levied (or a one (1) week reduction if the Additional Suspension is expressed as a length of time instead of Matches); and
  - (c) the Club or Club Associate forfeits their right to appeal.

### 5.3 Tribunal Referral

- 5.3.1 Where a Club or Club Associate wishes to refer a Misconduct Offence(s) to a Tribunal hearing in accordance with Clause 5.1.4(b), the Club or Club Associate must complete the Tribunal Referral Form at Schedule 4 and pay the relevant Tribunal Request Fee in Schedule 2. The completed Tribunal Referral Form must be Lodged by 5:00pm on the Thursday following notification by FV of the

Misconduct Offence, subject to which FV will convene a Tribunal hearing as soon as reasonably practical.

- 5.3.2 For the avoidance of doubt, a Club or Club Associate charged with multiple Misconduct Offences may either accept all charges, or refer all charges to the Tribunal, but may not accept some charges and not others, etc. If a matter is referred to the Tribunal and at the Tribunal the Club or Club Associate then pleads guilty no automatic discount under Clause 5.2.1(b) applies.
- 5.3.3 Notwithstanding anything else in these regulations, , where a matter is referred to Tribunal by a Club or Club Associate(s) in accordance with these regulations, FV may set a deadline which it deems reasonable in its absolute discretion for the matter to be heard by the Tribunal. Where this deadline is not met due to the failure of the referring party to engage and/or make reasonable arrangements to appear at Tribunal, FV may reject the referral to Tribunal, with any sanctions issued by FV to become final.
- 5.3.4 A Club or Club Associate who lodges a referral to Tribunal which is later rejected under clause 5.3.3 may refer the enacted penalty to the Appeals Board subject to clause 5.2 (of FV Grievance and Tribunal By-Law).

## **5.4 Police Involvement**

- 5.4.1 From time to time, Federal, State or Territory police may be alerted to an incident in relation to Football, and FV may also be reviewing the incident for the purposes of Misconduct.
- 5.4.2 FV will postpone its investigation or progress of a matter where directed to do so by police. FV may otherwise, in its absolute discretion, continue its investigation or progress of a matter, and the fact that police are reviewing the incident is not of itself reason for FV to cease its investigation or progress of a matter.
- 5.4.3 The Club or Club Associate involved (as the case may be) must keep FV informed about the status of the police inquiry.
- 5.4.4 FV may require that a person charged with a criminal offence must serve a Suspension and/or otherwise be suspended from all or any specific football-related activity for such period and on such terms and conditions as it sees fit where it determines in its absolute discretion that there is a risk of harm to others or to football.
- 5.4.5 The period in clause 5.4.4 must not last beyond the date upon which all criminal charges are withdrawn or a Court finds the person not guilty of the criminal offence concerned.
- 5.4.6 FV may be requested to share the personal information of registered participants with third parties such as government agencies, other regulatory bodies and law enforcement agencies during the course of normal operations. Any information shared and the purposes for sharing this information will be in accordance with FA's Privacy Policy.

## **5.5 Repeat Misconduct Offences**

- 5.5.1 Where a Club or Club Associate is found guilty of any Serious Offence and then commits any other Serious Offence in the same Season or in the Season following, then FV and/or the Tribunal may impose no less than double the Recommended

Penalty in relation to the subsequent Serious Offence(s). Such increased Recommended Penalty may be imposed against any Team within the Club, not necessarily the Team involved in the wrongdoing i.e. multiple Team infringements may impact Senior Team points.

- 5.5.2 Where a Club or Club Associate is found guilty of any Misconduct Offence and then commits any subsequent Misconduct Offence(s) in the same Season, these may amount to MP10 Misconduct Offence(s) in FV's absolute discretion.

## **5.6 Breaches of the Rules of Competition**

- 5.6.1 Any breach of the Rules of Competition may amount to an MP10 Misconduct Offence in FV's absolute discretion.
- 5.6.2 The Rules of Competition may provide for a right of appeal against certain FV decisions with regard to Player eligibility, to be heard at first instance by the Tribunal. If so, the relevant fee shall be as described at Schedule 2 below, or in the relevant Rules of Competition, and such shall otherwise be treated as a Tribunal Referral with Clause 5.3 being read to apply accordingly.

## **5.7 Offences Committed by Adults Involving Junior Participants or Match Officials Wearing a Green Arm Band**

- 5.7.1 Where a Club Associate aged 18 or over is found guilty of any Offence involving harm to a Club Associate, Match Official who is under the age of 18 and/or a Match Official wearing a Green Arm Band, which may include harm by witnessing the incident in question, an additional suspension of a minimum of 2 Matches shall be applied to the Recommended Penalty and the Club Associate may be required to attend a mandatory child safety education course at their cost (course to be approved by FV in advance).

## **5.8 Education Courses**

- 5.8.1 Where the FV Designate issues a Misconduct Offence or a Warning in respect of a Misconduct Offence to a Club Associate(s), they may in their absolute discretion mandate that a supplementary relevant education course or workshop must be completed.
- 5.8.2 In such a case, the FV Designate will communicate a deadline by which this requirement must be completed, ensuring this is a fair and reasonable period having taken into consideration all relevant factors.
- 5.8.3 Failure to complete the mandated education component of a penalty by the required deadline may amount to misconduct in FV's absolute discretion.
- 5.8.4 FV reserves the right to subject any Club Associate to an Interim Suspension in accordance with Clause 6.4 until such time as the Club Associate completes the required training.
- 5.8.5 Where a Club, Team, Club Associate and/or any other person or persons are directed to attend an education course:
- (a) FV will provide the Club with details of the next available session of the relevant education course;
  - (b) If a Club or Team has been ordered to attend, and individual persons have not been specified, then all members of that Club or Team are required to attend

unless otherwise stated; and

- (c) Where an individual is Suspended from participating in football until the relevant education course is complete, it is the responsibility of that individual to provide evidence of successful completion of the relevant course to FV prior to resumption.

5.8.6 The cost of participation in an education course must be paid by the Club, Team, Club Associate and/or any other person or persons who are ordered to undertake such a course. The ultimate responsibility for payment, failing all other persons and/or entities, is the responsibility of the Club to which any participant(s) belong to or was part of at the time of the education course was ordered.

## **5.9 Three (3) Strike Policy**

5.9.1 Where a Club or Club Associate is issued with an Offence or is found to have breached the Laws, the Three Strike Policy shall apply. Strikes do not replace sanctions or penalties that may be applied or issued to individuals or Clubs under these regulations. The enforcement outcome of a strike will always be 'in addition to' any individual or Club based disciplinary determination.

5.9.2 Where a Red Card Offence is graded R8(b)4-8 or a Misconduct Offence is MP7(D)-(H), then the relevant Club will receive an automatic first strike.

5.9.3 The issuing of strikes by FV in relation to other Offences, or Club and/or Club Associate behaviour that breaches the Laws, or further strikes for an Offence described in Clause 5.9.2, shall be at the absolute discretion of FV's CEO or the FV Designate.

5.9.4 No right of appeal exists against a strike. In the event that a Tribunal later determines that the Red Card Offence or Misconduct Offence is either proven as a different Offence or not proven, then FV's CEO or the FV Designate may, in their absolute discretion, rescind a strike.

5.9.5 A strike will remain active on the Club's record for 12 months from the date of notice.

5.9.6 Public notification of a strike will be published on FV's website.

5.9.7 Strikes are cumulative within a 12-month period; for example, if an additional strike is issued before an earlier strike has expired within the 12-month period, the Club will be on their second strike until their first strike expires. As an example, if a Club receives a first strike on 20 January 2025 and receives a second strike on 7 September 2025, the club will be on two strikes until 20 January 2026, when their first strike will expire and they will revert back to one strike.

5.9.8 All strikes will be implemented and enforced in the following manner by FV's CEO or the FV Designate in their absolute discretion:

### **Strike 1**

- Issue a strike notice to the Club citing details of the Offence.
- All Club Teams will be issued a suspended 3-point deduction.

### **Strike 2**

- Issue a second strike notice to the Club citing details of the Offence or behaviour,

if within 12 months of the date of a first strike notice.

- The relevant Team will have their 3-point deduction triggered with immediate effect.
- The Club will be issued with a request for response which must be received within 10 days and which must demonstrate measures, to FV's satisfaction, that the Club will implement to address the Offence/behaviour including future mitigation.
- Upon receipt, FV will determine which, if any, other Teams will have their 3-point deduction triggered.
- Additional requirements may be imposed by FV in conjunction with the Football Operations Department, such as the playing of fixtures with no spectators, movement of Kick-Off times of Home Matches, reversal of fixtures to the opposition team venue or matches to be played at neutral venues.
- The Club will receive a mandatory \$2,000 fine for any second strike.

### **Strike 3**

- Issue a third strike notice to the Club citing details of the Offence or behaviour, if, within 12 months of the date of a second strike notice.
- The relevant Team will have their 3-point deduction triggered with immediate effect (regardless of whether they were issued a deduction of points in the Second Strike in which case a further 3 points shall be deducted from that Team).
- All Teams not yet deducted 3-point deductions under the First and/or Second Strikes will have these penalties enacted.
- A request for response will be issued to the Club which will provide a summary of the incidents across all three strikes.
- Club Executive Committee members must attend a meeting with FV's Executive to discuss the issues and pattern of behaviour at the Club.
- FV will make a determination regarding sanctions.
- In circumstances where affiliation is not revoked under a third strike, one or more Teams involved in the offending conduct, across any number of competitions the Club may be involved in, could be removed from those competitions for the remainder of the Season or be mandated to participate without the possibility of earning points.
- The Club will receive a mandatory \$5,000 fine

### **Notes**

If a Club accumulates a further strike within 12 months:

- A request for response will be issued to the Club which will provide a summary of the incidents across all strikes.
- Club Executive Committee Members must attend a meeting with FV's Executive to discuss the issues at hand and the pattern of behaviour at the Club
- FV will make a determination regarding sanctions.
- A mandatory \$10,000 fine will be levied in addition to any other sanctions.

## 6. SUSPENSIONS

### 6.1 Suspensions

6.1.1 A Suspension is a ban or prohibition imposed on a Club Associate or Match Official either for a period of time, or for a number of Matches. Suspension of Match Officials shall be, unless otherwise prescribed by FV/Tribunal, by reference to periods of time meaning that one Match equals one week.

6.1.2 The level of Suspension imposed depends upon the role in which the Club Associate or Match Official was acting when the circumstances arose that gave rise to the Suspension, subject to Clause (d) below:

(a) *Not Directly Involved In A Match*

A Suspension imposed in respect of circumstances where the Club Associate or Match Official was not directly involved in a Match (i.e. in any role other than a Coach, Player or Match Official) prevents them from attending any Match in any capacity whatsoever, even as a spectator.

(b) *Directly Involved In A Match*

i. Unless otherwise directed by a Tribunal, a Suspension imposed in respect of circumstances where the Club Associate or Match Official was directly involved in a Match (i.e. as a Coach, Player or Match Official), may attend Matches as a spectator only and must not participate as either a Coach, Player or in any official capacity for any Club.

ii. Examples of actions that a Club Associate or Match Official Suspended under this Clause 6.1.2(b) must not do include, but are not limited to:

- enter the field of play;
- attend the Immediate Surrounds;
- take, or otherwise be involved in, training sessions or warm-ups on Match day;
- be involved in Match day operations on site;
- give the Team or Players instructions, either directly or via a third- party, and/or using electronic or any other means, on Match day (this does not prohibit giving encouragement or barracking);
- complete Team / Match Sheets;
- engage in further misconduct in any way
- fulfil any media requirements, including attending any official press conference as required in relevant competition regulations; and
- approach the Match Officials to discuss any aspects of the Match as a representative of the Team or Club, or otherwise hold themselves out as having the authority of a Club Associate for the Match.

(c) A Club Associate or Match Official Suspended under this Clause 6.1.2 may train or take part in a non-competitive match, unless otherwise directed by FV/Tribunal.

- 6.1.3 Any violation of Clause 6.1 may amount to Misconduct and may result in FV, in its absolute discretion:
- (a) recommencing a Suspension from the date of the violation of the Suspension; and/or
  - (b) increasing the original Suspension; and/or
  - (c) amending a Suspension under (b) above to one that prevents them from attending any Match in any capacity whatsoever, even as a spectator.
  - (d) referring the matter to the Tribunal for determination as an MP10 Misconduct Offence.
- 6.1.4 Notwithstanding Clause 6.1.2(b):
- (a) all Suspensions of 8 Matches or greater shall be deemed to prevent the person from attending any Match in any capacity whatsoever, even as a spectator;
  - (b) FV reserves the right to so deem for Suspensions of less than 8 Matches where FV is of the opinion the incident giving rise to the Red Card/Misconduct Offence is of a serious or egregious nature; and
  - (c) where a player is suspended for a period of fewer than 8 Matches, that player is required to be registered and otherwise eligible to participate for a Team to be able to serve Matches as part of a Suspension issued under these regulations. Matches 'missed' where a player would not have been otherwise eligible to participate are not considered a Match served under Suspension unless the Club Associate in question evidences exceptional circumstances which demonstrate to FV's absolute satisfaction that to have registered with a Club would have been unwarranted; and
  - (d) a player who is suspended for a period of 8 Matches or greater is not required to be registered with a Club in order to serve Matches under suspension, however, when they next become registered to play in FV Competitions, the team with whom they are due to play must have played in as many, or more Matches that playing Season than the players' remaining suspension; and
  - (e) any Match a player misses when otherwise eligible to play for the specific team they were playing for at the time of the incident which gave rise to the Suspension counts as a Match served towards that Suspension unless otherwise stated in these regulations.

*Note: see the definition of "Match Time" and "Immediate Surrounds".*

## **6.2 Clubs Responsible for Payment of Fines and Monies Owning**

- 6.2.1 A Club is jointly and severally liable to FV for payment of any Fine imposed on a Club Associate.
- 6.2.2 If any party fails to pay another party a sum of money in full as required by a Tribunal determination:
- (a) that party may be given a time limit in which to settle the debt; and
  - (b) if the party the subject of the determination is a Club, that Club's relevant Team will play for no points in FV competitions for each Match until the debt is resolved or settled, in FV's absolute discretion.

## 6.3 Serving a Suspension

- 6.3.1 In all cases where a Club Associate or Match Official is Suspended and ordered to undertake training, provide a written apology, or complete any other tasks as required by FV/the Tribunal, and/or the individual's Club has been ordered to pay a Fine, the individual remains Suspended until such time as all aspects of the determination have been satisfied or completed.
- 6.3.2 A Club Associate or Match Official must serve a Suspension without delay and a Suspension remains in effect until served in full irrespective of a Change of Status (as defined in the Registration Regulations), league, level or age group. The following also apply:
- (a) In all cases until a Suspension is served in full, a Club Associate or Match Official must not participate in any other Match at any level in FV Competitions. This includes Suspensions that are not totally served in a Competition Season and that are carried over and served in future or subsequent seasons.
  - (b) A Suspension arising out of a Finals Series which is not served in full in that Finals Series is carried over to the following Competition Season in which the Club Associate or Match Official participates
- 6.3.3 If a Match is postponed prior to its commencement, such Match will not be classified as a Match served under Suspension for the purposes of calculating a Suspension remaining.
- 6.3.4 A Match that is Abandoned after commencement, or Forfeited prior to commencement, counts as a Match served under Suspension for the purposes of calculating a Suspension remaining unless:
- (a) any Club or Team to which the Suspended Club Associate or Match Official belongs was responsible for the facts that led to the Abandonment or Forfeit; or
  - (b) an incident leading to the Abandonment or Forfeit of a Match is referred to the Tribunal.
- 6.3.5 For the avoidance of doubt: where a Match is Abandoned after commencement, or Forfeited prior to commencement, and is subsequently re-played, the Abandoned / Forfeited Match is not a Match served under Suspension, and the relevant Club Associate or Match Official will serve their Suspension in the next available Match.
- 6.3.6 Where a Club Associate under an active suspension breaches a condition or conditions of the suspension as outlined above in Clause 6.1, the Match in which they breached these terms does not count as a Match served under suspension regardless of the outcome of said Match.
- 6.3.7 Unless otherwise advised, relevant Suspensions received in the Winter Season must also be served in the FA Cup, Community Shield, and Dockerty Cup, or any other applicable tournaments, and vice versa. For the avoidance of doubt: this does not apply to Suspensions arising from an accumulation of 5, 10 or 15 Yellow Cards or 3, 5 or 7 Yellow Cards for Team Officials (as the case may be), or out-of-season competitions not administered by FV.
- 6.3.8 Clubs and Club Associates may voluntarily serve suspensions for accumulated Yellow Cards in accordance with the provisions of Clause 4.8.
- 6.3.9 For the avoidance of doubt, where during an independent Tribunal hearing a Club

Associate or Match Official is found guilty on liability, but the Tribunal has postponed or reserved its decision on penalty, the Club Associate or Match Official is Suspended until the final decision is delivered, and any Matches missed count towards the length of any subsequent ban.

- 6.3.10 A Suspension is annulled if the Match in respect of which the Suspension was imposed is retrospectively forfeited because a Player (even the Player the subject of the Suspension) took part in that Match despite being ineligible due to:
- (a) playing for the wrong Club or Team; or
  - (b) playing within a stand-down period due to Change of Status (as defined in the FV Registration Regulations); or
  - (c) playing while registered for two clubs at the same time without a Dual Registration (as defined in the FV Registration Regulations) exemption to do so; or
  - (d) playing while not registered in accordance with the registration requirements as published from time to time; or
  - (e) playing while under Suspension; or
  - (f) being shown a Red Card earlier in a fixture that is still being played; or
  - (g) playing while ineligible to do so for any other reason determined by FFV; or
  - (h) being in breach of Rule 2.2 of the Rules of Competition; or
  - (i) being subject to Rule 3.3 of the Rules of Competition.
- 6.3.11 Unless otherwise specified in these regulations, a Club Associate or Match Official who receives a Suspension for an Offence in a Match forming part of a Competition must serve that suspension in the next following Match(es) forming part of any Competition (i.e. the Competition in which the relevant Offence was committed, or another Competition) in which his or her specific Team participates.
- 6.3.12 Where a Coach/Player is eligible to participate as a Coach/Player across more than one Team for the same Club and receives a Suspension whilst participating as a Coach/Player in the final Match of one particular Team's playing season, they may serve Matches under this Suspension with a different Team provided that they have fixtures remaining within the same season and have been a regular player for this Team throughout the same season. For the avoidance of doubt, a regular Coach/Player is deemed to have been listed on the Match Sheet in at least 25% of the new Team's competitive Matches in that same season by the point at which they wish to count Matches under the Suspension.

*By way of example: where an U16 Player is also eligible to play for the U18 Team (and has done so across at least 25% of U18 fixtures in the same playing season) is shown a Red Card and issued an Automatic Suspension during the last U16 Match of the season but has a subsequent U18 Match for which they would otherwise have been eligible to participate in, they may serve their Automatic Suspension in said U18 Match. After this point, the Automatic Suspension is considered to be served and the Player may participate as normal.*

*A Player must always serve their Suspension in accordance with 6.3.11, however may serve their Suspension within other eligible Teams should the season durations be different provided they meet the specified criteria within 6.3.12.*

## **6.4 Interim Suspension Order**

- 6.4.1 Where an individual is the subject of an Incident Report or Misconduct Report or is being investigated by FV in relation to an alleged act of Misconduct, FV may order that individual be Suspended, and/or otherwise be suspended from all or any specific Football-related activity, for such period and on such terms and conditions as it sees fit where it determines its absolute discretion that there is a risk of harm to others or to Football.
- 6.4.2 The period of the order in Clause 6.4.1 above must not last beyond the date upon which any investigation or any subsequent Tribunal proceedings are concluded.

## 7. REGISTRATIONS, FORFEITS AND ABANDONMENTS

### 7.1 Forfeits and Abandoned Matches

- 7.1.1 Where an Abandoned Match is referred to the Tribunal due to Misconduct, the Tribunal may determine only the question of the alleged Misconduct and has no power to determine the score or order a full or partial replay of that Match.
- 7.1.2 FV may direct an Abandoned Match to be replayed in FV's absolute discretion if the circumstances so warrant.
- 7.1.3 Where a Team Forfeits a Match the score must be determined (and all other penalties applied) in accordance with the Rules of Competition, and the forfeiting Team shall be Fined as follows, where notification of the forfeit is:
  - (a) before 9:00am, 5 days prior to the Match, no Fine shall apply;
  - (b) after 9:00am, 5 days prior to the Match, a Fine of 3 Penalty Units; and
  - (c) after 9:00am, 3 days prior to the Match, a Fine of 6 Penalty Units.
- 7.1.4 This Clause 7.1 does not apply to NPLW, NPLM or VPLM1 or VPLM2 Teams.

### 7.2 False or Misleading Information

- 7.2.1 The provision of false or misleading information by a Player, Club or Club Associate on a Prescribed Registration Form or document, or via the on-line Registration System (Play football), during the player registration process shall constitute Misconduct, and a 2 Match Automatic Suspension on the Player may be imposed, and the matter may be referred to the FV Tribunal at the absolute discretion of FV for the determination of any further sanctions which are to be applied.

### 7.3 System or Technical Error

- 7.3.1 To avoid doubt, if there is a system or technical error in processing a registration, the above sanctions will be imposed until such system or technical error is proven by the Club or Team or Player, save that:
  - (a) only those system or technical errors that occur on weekdays up until 5.00pm on a Friday, (excluding Public Holidays) will be taken into account; and
  - (b) should a Club or Team decide to process registrations on non-business days (Weekends and/or Public Holidays) or after 5.00pm on a Friday, the Club or Team is responsible for ensuring all registrations are successfully processed and valid for all Club and team fixtures.

### 7.4 Registrations of Players under the age of 12

- 7.4.1 A failure to ensure that all Players under the age of twelve are registered in accordance with FV registration requirements as published from time to time must in the first instance result in a warning given to the Club, at which point they must be given 7 days (or as otherwise reasonably requested by the FV) to rectify

the situation without any further penalty. Should the matter not be satisfactorily resolved, or should a Club commit further offences, they may be subjected to a Fine of 10 Penalty Units for this and every subsequent offence.

## 8. NOTIFICATION

### 8.1 Notification

- 8.1.1 Where FV is required under these regulations to notify any Club or Club Associate of any matter, such notification requirement will be deemed to have been satisfied by FV disclosing the notification by any one of or any combination of the following:
- (a) On the FV website and/or via FV's Competition Management Platform;
  - (b) Sending the notification by email directly to the relevant Club Associate's nominated contact email address as listed in the FV Club directory (Playfootball register);
  - (c) Sending the notification by email to the Club or Club Associate's President or Secretary; and/or
  - (d) Sending the notification to the Club or Club Associate's postal address as listed in the FV Club directory by pre-paid ordinary post.
- 8.1.2 For the purpose of calculating any relevant time periods, such notification will have been deemed to have taken place:
- (a) in the case of notification by publication on the FV website, or via email, the day on which it was published or emailed; and
  - (b) in the case of notification by post, at the expiration of 3 business days from the date on which such notification was posted.
- 8.1.3 FV will notify parties to a Tribunal and any Match Official who has submitted a relevant Incident Report of Misconduct Report regarding the outcome of such Tribunal as soon as reasonably practicable after the Tribunal has concluded.
- 8.1.4 FV accepts no responsibility for a Club's failure to relay a notification to a Club Associate, provided that the Club Associate was registered with that Club at the time of an offence for which they are found guilty under the GDT.

### 8.2 Clubs' Obligations regarding Contact Details

- 8.2.1 Clubs and Club Associates are responsible for ensuring that Club Contact details, Club Administrator details, Player and Coach details, are correctly notified online via the Playfootball online registration system.
- 8.2.2 Where a Club or Club Associate fails to correctly notify FV of a change of details, that is by updating them on the Playfootball online registration system, this will not be considered an extraordinary circumstance for the purposes of these regulations.

### 8.3 Member Protection Policy and GDT

- 8.3.1 FV has adopted the FA National Member Protection Policy Framework (MPP), as advised from time to time, to address issues of discrimination, harassment and vilification for all FA affiliated Competition Administrators, Clubs, Club Associates and Match Officials.
- 8.3.2 Where an incident may constitute either a breach of the MPP or these

regulations, FV may in its absolute discretion determine the appropriate governing document under which to investigate, process, and penalise (if necessary) any matter.

- 8.3.3 For the avoidance of doubt, an individual remains under suspension until all penalties have been satisfied or completed whether the penalties were determined by FV or by the Tribunal.

## **8.4 Mediation**

- 8.4.1 In relation to any dispute, alleged Misconduct or other matter, FV may require Club or Club Associates to attend mediation with an independent mediator who will act as a mediator for the purpose of attempting to reach agreement between the parties to the dispute.
- 8.4.2 Mediation will be conducted on a without prejudice basis and the mediator has no power to impose any decision on any of the parties.
- 8.4.3 A failure by a Club or Club Associate to attend such a meeting when requested without reasonable excuse may amount to Other Misconduct (MP10) and, at FV's absolute discretion, may be referred to the Tribunal for determination.
- 8.4.4 Notwithstanding agreement having been reached at such a meeting and recorded in writing and signed by the parties, FV may in its absolute discretion, decide to refer any allegations of Misconduct or other matter to the Tribunal.
- 8.4.5 FV will neither be a party to mediation nor will it make submissions on behalf of any party, but may provide case materials from any investigation into the matter conducted by FV and upon which the parties and the mediator may rely.
- 8.4.6 Ordinarily FV will not keep a formal record of mediations however may retain a copy of a settlement agreement reached between the parties.
- 8.4.7 Mediation may also be sought externally of FV through the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria, or conciliation may be requested through the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission (VEOHRC). To avoid doubt, FV will not be a party to any external dispute resolution proceedings nor provide any case materials from any relevant investigations.

## **8.5 Grievance**

- 8.5.1 Clauses 8.2(h) and 8.3 of the FV Constitution refer to the resolution of Disputes in accordance with the Grievance Procedure. These regulations constitute that Grievance Procedure, and Grievances may be referred to the Tribunal for determination by FV in accordance with the procedures in these regulations.
- 8.5.2 Parties seeking to challenge penalties imposed under these regulations, including but not limited to those resulting from Red Card Offences and/or Misconduct Offences, must do so via the mechanisms afforded to them under these regulations and the FV Grievance and Tribunal By-Law. They are not permitted to do so as a Grievance as a Member or via a Member (as defined in the FV Constitution).

# SCHEDULE 1 - YELLOW AND RED CARD OFFENCES

## PART A - Minor Infringements – Yellow Card Codes

<b>Y1</b>	Unsporting behaviour.
<b>Y2</b>	Dissent by word or action.
<b>Y3</b>	Persistent infringement of the Laws of the Game.
<b>Y4</b>	Delaying the restart of play.
<b>Y5</b>	Failure to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick or throw-in.
<b>Y6</b>	Enters, re-enters, or deliberately leaves the field of play without the referee's permission.

## PART B - Serious Infringements – Red Card Codes

<b>R1</b>	Serious foul play
<b>R2</b>	Violent conduct
<b>R3</b>	Spitting
<b>R4</b>	Denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity – Handling the Ball
<b>R5</b>	Denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity - Foul
<b>R6</b>	Offensive, insulting, abusive or intimidating language and/or gestures
<b>R7</b>	Receiving a second caution in the same Match
<b>R8</b>	Offences against Match Officials
<b>R9</b>	Offences committed by Team Officials

Unless otherwise defined in these regulations, the definitions of the terms set out above as Y1-Y6 and R1-R6 have the same meanings as those set out in the FIFA Laws of the Game and the FIFA Disciplinary Regulations as published from time to time.

**PART C. - RED CARD OFFENCES/PENALTIES**

(F) = Footballing (B) = Behavioural

CODE	OFFENCE	GRADING GUIDELINES	PENALTY
R1 (F)	<b>Serious foul play</b> <i>(Typically, but not limited to, ball is in play)</i>	1. Attempting to gain possession of the ball using excessive force	Auto
		2. Conduct that endangers the safety of an opponent in a contest for the ball or has the potential to cause serious injury	Auto + 1
		3. Conduct causing injury	Auto + 3
		4. Conduct causing serious injury	Auto + 7
R2 (B)	<b>Violent Conduct</b> <i>(Typically, but not limited to, serious foul play when the ball is not in play, and/or playing distance)</i>	1. Violent conduct and/or attempted violent conduct towards an opponent or Club Associate	Auto + 1
		2. Significant violent conduct and/or attempted significant violent conduct towards an opponent or Club Associate	Auto + 3
		3. Serious and/or premeditated violent conduct towards an opponent or Club Associate	Auto + 5
		4. Serious violent conduct that has caused bodily harm or responsibility for a Melee (violent)	Auto + 11 and attend an FV approved anger management education course
		5. Severe and/or significant violent conduct causing or with the potential to cause serious injury	MP10
R3 (B)	<b>Spitting</b>	1. Spitting at or on an opponent or another Club Associate	Auto + 9
R4 (F)	<b>Denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity – Handling the Ball</b>		Auto
R5 (F)	<b>Denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity - Foul</b>		Auto
R6 (B)	<b>Offensive, insulting, abusive or intimidating language and/or gestures</b>	1. Using language and/or gestures in frustration	Auto
		2. Using language and/or gestures directed at another player or Club Associate	Auto + 1

		<p>3. Repeated use of offensive language and/or gestures, to another Player or Club Associate</p>	<p>Auto + 3</p>
		<p>4. Threat of or incitement to violence towards another Player or Club Associate</p>	<p>Auto + 5</p>
		<p>5. Use of discriminatory, homophobic, racist, religious, ethnic or sexist language and/or gesture</p>	<p><u>If offender 18 or over:</u>                      First offence:                      Auto + 7 and attend an FV approved relevant education                      Subsequent offence:                      Auto + 11 and attend an FV approved relevant education course</p> <p><u>If offender under 18:</u>                      First offence:                      Auto + 5 and attend an FV approved relevant education                      Subsequent offence:                      Auto + 7 and attend an FV approved relevant education course</p>
		<p>6. Repeated or particularly grievous use of discriminatory, homophobic, racist, religious, ethnic or sexist language and/or gestures</p>	<p><u>If offender 18 or over:</u>                      First offence:                      Auto + 11 and attend an FV approved relevant education                      Subsequent offence:                      Auto + 15 and attend an FV approved relevant education course</p> <p><u>If offender under 18:</u>                      First offence:</p>

			Auto + 7 and attend an FV approved relevant education Subsequent offence: Auto + 15 and attend an FV approved relevant education course
<b>R7 (F)</b>	<b>Second caution (Yellow Card)</b>		Auto
<b>R8 (B)</b>	<b>Offences against Match Officials</b>	1. Unsporting conduct	Auto + 1
		2. Using offensive language and/or gestures	Auto + 3
		3. Repeated use of offensive language and/or gestures	Auto + 5
		4. Inappropriate contact with and/or conduct, or use of offensive language as described in R6_5	<u>If offender 18 or over:</u> Auto + 9 <u>If offender under 18:</u> Auto + 7
		5. 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	Auto + 15
		6. Spitting at or on a Match Official	1 year
		7. Violence towards a Match Official and/or their family or property	<u>If offender 18 or over:</u> 5 years <u>If offender under 18:</u> 2 years
		8. Violence towards a Referee wearing a Green Arm Band or Junior Match Official and/or their family or property	<u>If offender 18 or over:</u> 10 years <u>If offender under 18:</u> 2 years
<b>R9 (B)</b>	<b>Offences committed by Team Officials</b>	1. Delaying the restart of play by the opposing team	Auto
		2. Throwing or kicking an object onto the field of play	Auto
		3. Aggressive behaviour towards a Club Associate	Auto + 1

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		4. Entering the opposing technical area in an aggressive or confrontational manner	Auto + 1
		5. Entering the field to interfere with play or an opponent	Auto + 1
		6. Entering the field to confront a Match Official (at half-time or full-time)	Auto + 2
		7. Entering the field of play to confront a Match Official during a Match	Auto + 3

# SCHEDULE 2 - FEES AND FINES

## PART A – Fees

- Tribunal Request Fee - \$350
- Tribunal Fasttrack Fee - \$300
- Tribunal Request Fee - Rules of Competition Appeal:
  - Junior Regional: \$550
  - Senior Regional: \$1100
  - Junior Community: \$1500
  - Senior Community: \$3000
  - Advanced Competitions: \$5000
- Appeals Board Fee - \$1,100
- Red Card/Obvious Error Review Fee - \$250

The above include GST and are non-refundable, except a successful Red Card/Obvious Error Review or in applicable cases in accordance with Clause 5.5(d)(i) of the FV Grievance and Tribunal By-Law.

## PART B – Fines

- Penalty Unit - \$110.00

Unless otherwise specified in these regulations, FV may impose a Fine for Misconduct Offence(s) for such amount as it sees fit.

In the case of breaches of the Rules of Competition these Fines are in addition to any penalties or consequences set out in the relevant Rules of Competition, these regulations or which are imposed as a consequence of any other charges which may arise from a breach of the Rules of Competition.

## PART C- Red/Yellow Card Suspensions For All Competitions

<b>Red Card Offences</b>	<b>Penalty Units Seniors</b>	<b>Penalty Units Juniors</b>
Footballing - R1, R4, R5 & R7	1.25	N/A
Behavioural – R2, R3, R6, R8 & R9	1.5	N/A
<b>Yellow Card Suspensions</b>	<b>Penalty Units Seniors</b>	<b>Penalty Units Juniors</b>
Accumulation of 5, 10, 15 (for Players), or 3, 5, 7 (for Team Officials), Yellow Cards during the season.	1.25, 2.5 and 5 as per Clause 4.4	N/A

## SCHEDULE 3 - MISCONDUCT OFFENCES & RECOMMENDED PENALTIES

CODE	MISCONDUCT OFFENCE	RECOMMENDED PENALTY
<b>MP1A</b> (serious offence)	Engaging in misconduct and/or action(s) involving smoke generating devices(s)	(Subject to section 5.5 for repeat offences)  5 Penalty Units; and/or  3-month Suspension for the relevant individual(s).
<b>MP1B</b> (serious offence)	Engaging in misconduct and/or action(s) involving flares, fireworks and/or flammable object(s)	(Subject to section 5.5 for repeat offences)  15 Penalty Units; and/or  Loss of 3 Points (if Club unable to satisfy Tribunal it bears no significant responsibility for the relevant individual(s)' actions); and/or  12-month Suspension for the relevant individual(s).
<b>MP2A</b>	Encouraging and/or supporting any other person(s) to engage in Misconduct	5 Penalty Units; and/or  4-Match Suspension for the relevant individual(s).
<b>MP2B</b>	Aiding, procuring, coaching or arranging with any other person(s) to engage in Misconduct.	5 Penalty Units; and/or  8-Match Suspension for the relevant individual(s).
<b>MP3</b>	Abandonment of a fixture due to Misconduct	Loss of 3 Points (unless score reversed pursuant to clause 9); and/or  6-Match Suspension for the relevant individual(s).
<b>Melees or Violent Conduct</b>		
<b>MP4A</b>	Participating in a Melee (non-violent) and/or demonstrating behaviours as described in either	5 Penalty Units; and/or  3-Match Suspension for the relevant

	R2_1 and/or R6_2	individual(s).
<b>MP4B</b>	Violent conduct behaviour as described in R2_2 and/or R6_3	10 Penalty Units; and/or 5-Match Suspension for the relevant individual(s).
<b>MP4C (serious offence)</b>	Violent conduct behaviour as described in R2_3 and/or R6_4	(Subject to section 5.5 for repeat offences) 10 Penalty Units; and/or Loss of 3 Points; and/or 7-Match Suspension for the relevant individual(s).
<b>MP4D (serious offence)</b>	Serious violent conduct and/or instigating or participating in a Melee (violent) as described in R2_4	(Subject to section 5.5 for repeat offences) 15 Penalty Units; and/or Loss of 6 Points; and/or 13-Match Suspension for the relevant individual(s); and Attend an FV approved anger management education course
<b>MP4E (serious offence)</b>	Severe and/or significant violent Conduct as described in R2_5	(Subject to section 5.5 for repeat offences) Such penalty as FV or the Tribunal/Appeals Board may determine, subject to clause 5.1(c)
<b>Club Associate Misconduct</b>		
<b>MP5A</b>	Inappropriate behaviour by Club Associate(s) at a Match or other FV event.	2-Match Suspension for the relevant individual(s)
<b>MP5B</b>	Offensive behaviour by Club Associate(s) at a Match or other FV event.	4-Match Suspension for the relevant individual(s)
<b>MP5C</b>	Failing to control Club Associate(s).	5 Penalty Units; and/or Loss of 3 Points; and/or 4-Match Suspension for the relevant

		individual(s).
<b>MP5D (serious offence)</b>	Club Associate(s) use of language, gestures and/or behaviours as described in R6_5.	<p>(Subject to section 5.5 for repeat offences)</p> <p>15 Penalty Units; and/or Loss of 3 Points; and/or</p> <p>Match Suspension as follows for the relevant individual(s) and attendance at an FV approved relevant education course:</p> <p><u>If offender 18 or over:</u>  First offence: 9-Match suspension  Subsequent offence: 13-Match suspension</p> <p><u>If offender under 18:</u>  First offence: 7-Match suspension  Subsequent offence: 9-Match suspension</p>
<b>MP5E (serious offence)</b>	Club Associate(s) use of language, gestures and/or behaviours as described in R6_6.	<p>(Subject to section 5.5 for repeat offences)</p> <p>15 Penalty Units; and/or</p> <p>Loss of 3 Points; and/or</p> <p>Match Suspension as follows for the relevant individual(s) and attendance at an FV approved relevant education course:</p> <p><u>If offender 18 or over:</u>  First offence: 13-Match suspension  Subsequent offence: 17-Match suspension</p> <p><u>If offender under 18:</u>  First offence: 9-Match suspension  Subsequent offence: 17-Match suspension</p>
<b>MP6A (serious offence)</b>	Spitting as described in R3_1	<p>5 Penalty Units; and/or</p> <p>11-Match Suspension for the relevant individual(s).</p>

<b>Offences against Match Officials</b>		
<b>MP7A</b>	Failing to abide by, comply with or publicly protest a decision or direction of a Match Official.	5 Penalty Units; and/or 1-Match Suspension for the relevant individual(s).
<b>MP7B</b>	Non-violent offence(s) as described in R8_1	5 Penalty Units; and/or 3-Match Suspension for the relevant individual(s).
<b>MP7C</b>	Non-violent offence(s) as described in R8_2	10 Penalty Units; and/or Loss of 3 Points; and/or 5-Match Suspension for the relevant individual(s).
<b>MP7C (serious offence)</b>	Non-violent offence(s) as described in R8_3	(Subject to section 5.5 for repeat offences) 20 Penalty Units; and/or Loss of 6 Points; and/or 7-Match Suspension for the relevant individual(s).
<b>MP7D (serious offence)</b>	Violent offence(s) as described in R8_4.	(Subject to section 5.5 for repeat offences) 25 Penalty Units; and/or Loss of 6 Points; and/or <u>If offender 18 or over:</u> 11-Match Suspension for the relevant individual(s).  <u>If offender under 18:</u> 9-Match Suspension for the relevant individual(s).
<b>MP7E (serious offence)</b>	Violent offence(s) as described in R8_5.	(Subject to section 5.5 for repeat offences) 30 Penalty Units; and/or

		Loss of 6 Points; and/or  17-Match Suspension for the relevant individual(s).
<b>MP7F (serious offence)</b>	Spitting as described in R8_6	(Subject to section 5.5 for repeat offences)  30 Penalty Units; and/or  Loss of 6 Points; and/or  12-month Suspension for the relevant individual(s).
<b>MP7G (serious offence)</b>	Violent offence(s) as described in R8_7	(Subject to section 5.5 for repeat offences)  30 Penalty Units; and/or  Loss of 9 Points; and/or  2-year Suspension if the relevant individual(s) is aged under 18; and/or  5-year Suspension for the relevant individual(s) is aged 18 or over.
<b>MP7H (serious offence)</b>	Violent offence(s) as described in R8_8	(Subject to section 5.5 for repeat offences)  30 Penalty Units; and/or  Loss of 9 Points; and/or  2-year Suspension if the relevant individual(s) is aged under 18; and/or  10-year Suspension if the relevant individual(s) is aged 18 or over.
<b>Entering Field of Play</b>		
<b>MP8A</b>	Entering the Field of Play when not permitted.	5 Penalty Units; and/or  1 Match Suspension for the relevant individual(s).
<b>MP8B (serious offence)</b>	Entering the Field of Play when not permitted and engaging in	(Subject to section 5.5 for repeat offences)

	Misconduct.	10 Penalty Units; and/or  Loss of 3 Points; and/or  8-Match Suspension for the relevant individual(s).
<b>Expulsion from Technical Area</b>		
<b>MP9A</b>	Expulsion due to minor infringements.	5 Penalty Units; and/or  1 Match Automatic Suspension for the relevant individual(s).
<b>MP9B (serious offence)</b>	Expulsion due to serious infringements.	(Subject to section 5.5 for repeat offences)  10 Penalty Units; and/or  Loss of 3 Points; and/or  4-Match Suspension for the relevant individual(s).
<b>Other Misconduct</b>		
<b>MP10</b>	<p><u>Bringing the game into disrepute</u> Misconduct including, but not limited to, conduct that has brought, or in FV’s opinion may be likely to bring, the Club, Club Associate, FV, or the game of Football in Victoria into disrepute, or otherwise adversely affect the image or reputation of the Club, Club Associate, FV or the game of Football in Victoria, or other Misconduct including, but not limited to:</p> <p>(a) severe and/or significant violent; (b) other Misconduct; (c) failure to co-operate with, or intentionally impeding, a FV investigation into Misconduct; (d) failure to abide by a Tribunal determination; or</p>	Such penalty as FV (subject to clause 5.1(c)), the Tribunal or Appeals Board determines.

	(e) simulation.	
<b>MP11</b>	<p><u>Prejudicial or defamatory Media or Social Media dissent</u> Media or Social Media comment(s), whether verbally or in writing, which are derogatory or prejudicial to, or which bring into disrepute, or in FV's absolute discretion are reasonably likely to bring into disrepute:</p> <p>(a) the game of Football; and/or (b) FV, including any of its Staff, sponsors, or commercial partners; and/or (c) FV Members and/or the FV Board; and/or (d) the FV Tribunal &amp; Appeals Board or any of its members; and/or (e) other Competition Administrators (as defined in the FA Statutes) or Clubs; and/or (f) the performance of a Match Official(s); and/or (g) any Match, including other Teams and Club Associates.</p>	
<b>MP12</b>	Inappropriate physical conduct	
<b>MP13</b>	Registration violation	
<b>MP14</b>	<p><u>Mistreatment of FV staff</u> Verbal, written or physically abusive and/or offensive behaviour directed towards Football Victoria employees, contractors, volunteers or directors, either in person or via telephone or electronic means.</p>	

**Notes:**

*Where a Team is subjected to relegation, the Tribunal determines relegation but FV will determine the relegated league, and such penalty applies from the commencement of the following season. If a Team subject to Relegation is unable to be relegated (i.e., a junior Team, no promotion or relegation existing within the league, or a Team already in the lowest league available), the Tribunal or Appeals Board may consider a point deduction, a denial of promotion opportunities, or any other penalty in*

*place of Relegation.*

*Point deductions by Tribunal for Misconduct Offences can be applied against any Team at the offending Club at the discretion of the Tribunal.*

# SCHEDULE 4 - FORMS

## PART A – Tribunal Referral Form – Misconduct Offence (including Rules of Competition Appeals)

All details below **MUST** be completed:

Date of submission:	
Name of Club:	
Name of Club Secretary:	
Club Email: (Official correspondence regarding the Tribunal Request will be sent to your Club via Email)	
Misconduct Offence(s)/Penalties being referred to Tribunal for review:	(1) (2)
Match: (if applicable)	V
Match/Offence date:	

**Best contact person regarding the Tribunal request:**

Name:	
Phone Number:	
Position at Club:	

**Payment of Tribunal request fee:**

Card Type (mark with an X):	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard
Card number:	
Expiry date:	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
CCV Number:	<input type="text"/>
Name of cardholder:	
Amount:	<b>\$350 or</b> Rules of Competition Appeal: Junior Regional: \$550 Senior Regional: \$1100 Junior Community: \$1500 Senior Community: \$3000 Advanced Competitions: \$5000
Signature of cardholder (type name if lodging by email):	

## PART B – Tribunal Referral Form – Red Card Offence

All details below **MUST** be completed:

Date of submission:	
Name of Club:	
Name of Club Secretary:	
Club Email: (Official correspondence regarding the Tribunal Request will be sent to your Club via Email)	
Player Name / FFA ID:	
Player Phone Number:	
Offence: (e.g. R1 – Grade 3)	
Suspension: (e.g. Auto + 3)	
Match:	V
Date of Match:	

**Best contact person regarding the Tribunal request:**

Name:	
Phone Number:	
Position at Club:	

### FASTTRACK TRIBUNAL

**Fasttrack Process: YES/NO (please circle)**

**To be completed only for Fasttrack Tribunals:**

Any further information (not already provided to FV) to be raised to Tribunal member deciding the matter:	
Any further information regarding penalty if found guilty:	

**Payment of Tribunal request fee:**

Card Type (mark with an X):	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/>
Card number:	
Expiry date:	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/> CCV Number: <input type="text"/>
Name of cardholder:	
Amount:	<b>\$350 or</b>  <b>\$300 for Fasttrack Tribunal</b>
Signature of cardholder (type name if lodging by email):	

### PART C – Mediation Agreement

Mediator:	
Date of Mediation:	
Party 1:	
Party 2:	
Party 3:	
Nature of Dispute:	

#### MEDIATION AGREEMENT

<p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p> <p>4.</p> <p>5.</p> <p>6.</p>						
<p><b><i>We the undersigned parties hereby agree to the above-stated Mediation Agreement. We understand that failure to adhere to the Agreement could result in the matter being referred to the FV Tribunal, and/or further action being taken at the absolute discretion of FV.</i></b></p>						
Party 1:	Name:		Signature:		Club/Position:	
Party 2:	Name:		Signature:		Club/Position:	
Party 3:	Name:		Signature:		Club/Position:	

Date signed by all parties:	
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## PART D – Appeal Form

All details below **MUST** be completed:

Date of submission:	
Name of Appellant:	
Email of Appellant: (Correspondence regarding Appeal will be emailed to your Club)	
Date of initial hearing:	
Parties to dispute:	
Nature of dispute: (e.g. Club Misconduct, Player Suspension).	
Grounds for Appeal: (Please specify your reasons for Appealing the initial determination).	<p>Note that potential Grounds for Appeal are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Denial of procedural fairness.</li> <li>(ii) Error of fact.</li> <li>(iii) Error of law.</li> <li>(iv) Unduly lenient sanction.</li> <li>(v) With leave of the Appeals Board.</li> </ul>

Best contact person regarding the Appeal:

Name:	
Phone Number:	
Position at Club:	

Payment of Appeal fee:

Card Type (mark with an X):	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard
Card number:	
Expiry date:	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Name of cardholder:	
Amount:	<b>\$1,100</b>

Signature of cardholder (type name if lodging by email):	
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## PART E – Red Card Review Form – Clear & Obvious Error by a Match Official

Submit Video Evidence to [Discipline@FootballVictoria.com.au](mailto:Discipline@FootballVictoria.com.au)

### All details below **MUST** be completed:

Date of submission:	
Name of Club:	
Name of Club Secretary:	
Club Email: (Official correspondence regarding the Red Card Review Request will be sent to your Club via Email)	
Coach/Player Details being referred to FV for review (inc. FFA ID):	(1)  (2)
Match:	V
Match/Offence date:	

### Best contact person regarding the Red Card Review request:

Name:	
Phone Number:	
Position at Club:	

### Payment of Appeal fee:

Card Type (mark with an X):	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard
Card number:	
Expiry date:	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> CCV Number: <input type="text"/>
Name of cardholder:	
Amount:	<b>\$250</b>
Signature of cardholder (type name if lodging by email):	

# SCHEDULE 5 – REASONS FOR DECISION TO BE ADDED