

DDFA Set of Tribunal and Disciplinary Officer Rules

PART 1 - OBJECT OF RULES

These rules are enacted to grant powers to the Disciplinary Officer and Disciplinary Tribunal to deal with disciplinary matters arising from all football related activities sanctioned by the DDFA or engaged in by DDFA members.

These rules are also enacted to create offences relating to the administration of the DDFA disciplinary procedure.

If the rules are silent on any issue which may arise the Disciplinary Officer or Tribunal Chairman may make determinations according to the interests of justice.

The roles of the Disciplinary Officer and Tribunal chairman are set out in the Schedule to these rules.

The composition of and conduct of the proceedings of the Disciplinary Tribunal is set out in the Schedule to these rules.

PART 2 - ISSUE OF SUSPENSIONS BY DISCIPLINARY OFFICER

2.1 Jurisdiction

(a) The Disciplinary Officer has jurisdiction to:

i. issue Suspensions of no more than 6 matches or 6 weeks in respect of Red Card Offences; and

ii. issue Suspensions of no more than 6 matches or 6 weeks in respect of offences reported by a match official on an Incident Report; and

iii. issue Suspensions in relation to the accumulation of yellow cards; and

iv. issue Suspensions of no more than 6 matches or 6 weeks in respect of offences which have been disclosed in the conduct of an investigation relating to related Red Card Offences or match official Incident Reports, but only where the evidence available to the Disciplinary Officer is such that he can be satisfied with relative certainty that an offence was committed;

v. where exercising jurisdiction under (i) – (iv), may issue a warning, caution or reprimand in lieu of a Suspension, or may suspend a Suspension on a period of probation;

vi. adjudicate on any challenge to the attribution of a Yellow Card or Red Card on a team sheet or to a Suspension resulting from a Match Official Send-Off/Expulsion Report on the basis of mistaken identity; and

vii. decline to issue a suspension in relation to a Red Card Offence or an incident report, but only if not satisfied that the report of the match officials discloses an offence when read as a whole; and

viii. decline to either issue a suspension or refer to the tribunal in relation to an incident report made by someone other than a match official if not satisfied that the report is not frivolous, vexatious, or without substance or merit,

ix. May issue a further suspension under s 4.3 for such length of time he considers appropriate, but for no less than one and a half times the length of the original suspension.

x. may refer any matters to the Disciplinary Tribunal which exceed the limits in this section, or which are otherwise more appropriately or conveniently dealt with by the Tribunal.

2.2 Determination

(a) The Disciplinary Officer must, within a reasonable time following the completion of a Match, review any Match Official Send-Off/Expulsion Report disclosing a Red Card Offence, the Participant's Disciplinary History and any other material the Disciplinary Officer determines, in its absolute discretion, is relevant to the matter.

(b) The Disciplinary Officer must determine Suspensions by applying the range to be found at the Table of Offences as set out in Schedule 3 of the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations as in force from time to time. For the avoidance of doubt, the Disciplinary Officer must not impose Suspensions below the applicable Minimum Suspension.

(c) The Disciplinary Officer must, as soon as is practicable, set out any Suspension in a Notice of Suspension and issue same to the Participant's Club. That Club must, as soon as is practicable, advise the Participant of the Suspension and provide the Participant with a copy of the Notice of Suspension. Notice issued to the Club is taken to be served upon the player.

(d) A Participant may only challenge a Suspension issued in accordance with this section on the following bases:

- i. in accordance with section 2.3 (Challenge on the basis of mistaken identity on a team sheet or in a Match Official Send-Off/Expulsion Report); or
- ii. in accordance with section 3.2 (Challenging a Notice of Suspension).

(e) Unless otherwise specified in these Regulations, the imposition of a Suspension in accordance with this section 2.2 has immediate effect.

(f) All such Suspensions remain in force unless reversed by a Body and a Participant must continue to

serve any Suspension until the Suspension is served in full.

(g) Where a Participant has a right of challenge or appeal pursuant to sections 2.3, 3.2 and/or 3.3, that challenge or appeal may be brought by the Participant's Club on the Participant's behalf and any obligations imposed on a Participant in terms of compliance with those sections apply equally to the Participant's Club.

(h) Subject to any legal requirements, any Suspension issued in accordance with this section 2.2 may

be published on the DDFA website, or elsewhere at the sole discretion of the DDFA.

2.2A Eligibility of Players Upon Serving Suspension NOT IN FORCE

a) A player is only eligible to play upon serving a suspension if all applicable fees set out in the schedule have been paid.

b) Only such fees as are indicated in the notice of suspension as being applicable are 'applicable fees' for the purpose of 2.2A(a).

c) This section applies only to red card offences committed after 1 January 2024.

2.3 Challenge on the basis of mistaken identity on a team sheet or in a Match Official Send-Off/Expulsion Report

(a) To accept a claim for mistaken identity the Disciplinary Officer must be satisfied on the balance of probabilities that the player to whom the red or yellow card has been attributed did not in fact commit the offence.

(b) It is not sufficient for a claim of mistaken identity merely that a yellow or red card was not shown to the player or that the player did not know that they had been shown the red or yellow card.

(c) At the end of a Match, a Team Official must sign the team sheet confirming that all details on the team sheet, including the attribution of Yellow Cards and Red Cards, are correct.

(d) If the Team Official believes that a Participant has been mistakenly identified on the team sheet by a Match Official as having received a Yellow Card or Red Card, or the Yellow Card or Red Card was issued to the wrong member of that team, the Team Official must indicate the same on the team sheet prior to signing it.

(e) Unless there are exceptional circumstances (to be determined by the Disciplinary Officer

in its absolute discretion), if a Team Official has failed to comply with the requirement set out in section 2.3(c), a Member or Participant cannot challenge the attribution of a Yellow Card or Red Card on a team sheet or a Suspension resulting from a Match Official Send-Off/Expulsion Report on the basis of mistaken identity.

(f) The Disciplinary Officer must not accept a submission of mistaken identity unless the follow has been lodged:

- (i) a signed written statement by the Participant who was reported by the Match Official in any team sheet or Match Official Send-Off/Expulsion Report stating that they were not responsible for the offence and identifying, to the best of their knowledge, the name of the Participant responsible;
- (ii) The DDFA has received from the club the applicable fee;

(g) Failure to lodge the materials referred to in (f) by 4pm on the second working day following the completion of the Match will result in the claim for mistaken identity failing.

(h) The Disciplinary Officer may then require the filing of any additional evidence as might be reasonably required to determine the validity of the claim of mistaken identity, and if such material is not filed by the time set out by the Disciplinary Officer in issuing such a requisition, the Disciplinary Officer may dismiss the claim for mistaken identity.

(i) If the Disciplinary Officer rejects a claim for mistaken identity and:

- i. a Notice of Suspension in relation to the matter has already been issued to the Participant,
- the original decision set out in the Notice of Suspension continues to apply; or
- ii. a Notice of Suspension in relation to the matter has not already been issued to the Participant, The Disciplinary Officer will determine the Suspension, and issue a Notice of Suspension to the Participant's Club, pursuant to section 2.2 (Determination).

(j) If the Disciplinary Officer upholds a mistaken identity claim, the Yellow Card or Red Card issued to the original Participant will be expunged and the Notice of Suspension issued (if any) will be rescinded.

(k) If a mistaken identity claim in respect of a Red Card is upheld and a finding is made in respect of the identity of the actual offender, the Disciplinary Officer must determine or re-determine the matter, as the case may be, as if it were dealing with a fresh matter, pursuant to section 2.2 (Determination).

(l) If the Disciplinary Officer upholds a mistaken identity claim in respect of a Yellow Card and makes a finding in respect of the identity of the actual offender, the Yellow Card will be attributed to the actual offender who will be required to serve the Suspension (if any) that is

triggered as a result of receiving such Yellow Card (including, for example, any Suspension arising from the accumulation of Yellow Cards or the Mandatory Match Suspension for being issued with an R7 Red Card). For the avoidance of doubt, if, as a result of the application of this section, such Yellow Card would have been the actual offender's first of two Yellow Cards, or second of two Yellow Cards, in a Match, the actual offender is deemed to have received an R7 Red Card in the Match and must serve the applicable Mandatory Match Suspension and the Disciplinary Officer will issue a Notice of Suspension.

(m) The Disciplinary Officer must, as soon as is practicable, issue its determination in writing to the Participant's Club and, if applicable, set out the Suspension imposed on the actual offender in a Notice of Suspension and issue same to that Participant's Club. That Club must, as soon as is practicable, advise the Participant of the Suspension and provide the Participant with a copy of the Notice of Suspension. Notice issued to the Club is taken to be served upon the player.

(n) The process set out in this section is to apply equally where the claim for mistaken identity is advised to the Disciplinary Officer by a Match Official, by the opposition Club, or where it is instigated by the DDFA itself.

(o) A notice of refusal under this section must be accompanied by a blank Notice of Appeal.

2.4 Appealing a decision in respect of a challenge (mistaken identity)

(a) The decision of the Disciplinary Officer to reject a challenge brought in accordance with section 2.3 may be appealed to the Disciplinary Tribunal.

(b) The right of appeal under this section is limited to the Participant who brought the challenge in accordance with section 2.3 or that Participant's Club.

(c) If a Participant wants to appeal to the Disciplinary Tribunal pursuant to this section, the Participant must, within seven working days of the refusal by the Disciplinary Officer:

- i. pay to the DDFA the relevant Fee indicated in the Schedule;
- ii. submit to the Disciplinary Tribunal a completed and signed Notice of Appeal – Challenge on the basis of mistaken identity;
- iii. submit to the Disciplinary Tribunal all supporting material, including any additional evidence; and
- iv. submit to the Disciplinary Tribunal any written submissions the Participant intends to rely on.

2.5 Contempt against Disciplinary Officer

(a) If the Disciplinary Officer is satisfied on the balance of probabilities that:

- i. a challenge pursuant to section 2.3 had no prospects of success and amounted to an abuse of process; or
- ii. a Participant submitted a Prescribed Form, evidence of any kind, a written statement, or submission that the Participant knew or ought reasonably to have suspected to be untrue (wholly or in part) or that was intended to deliberately mislead the Disciplinary Officer,

the Participant will be liable to suspension from all football related activities for a minimum period of 3 months, and a maximum period of 18 months.

PART 3 - DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL

3.1 Jurisdiction

(a) The Disciplinary Tribunal has jurisdiction to adjudicate on:

- i. Any challenge to a refusal by the Disciplinary Officer under 2.4 (mistaken identity); and
- ii. any challenge to a Suspension issued under section 2.2 other than in respect of sending off offences R4, R5, or R7, and;
- iii. any matter validly referred to it by the Disciplinary Officer.

(b) The chairman of the Tribunal may issue interim suspensions pending final hearing by the Tribunal at his sole discretion, but taking into account the principle that interim suspensions are not a punishment.

3.2 Appeals - Challenging a Notice of Suspension Issued by Disciplinary Officer

(a) The Disciplinary Tribunal may not expunge a Red Card or a Mandatory Match Suspension.

(b) A Player who has received a Notice of Suspension issued by the Disciplinary Officer alone may choose to challenge the Suspension in accordance with this section.

(c) A challenge pursuant to this section is to be dealt with by the Disciplinary Tribunal.

(d) In dealing with a challenge under this section the Disciplinary Tribunal may:

- i. make a finding that the Offence has not been proven, in which case it may remove any Additional Suspension that may have been imposed; or
- ii. make a finding that the Offence has been proven, in which case the Disciplinary Tribunal may, in its discretion, increase the Additional Suspension or decrease the Additional Suspension (but not below the applicable Minimum Suspension); or
- iii. make a finding that the Player is guilty of a different Offence, or the same Offence but at a different grading, in which case the applicable Minimum

Suspension (at least) must be applied and, if the Disciplinary Tribunal, in its absolute discretion, sees fit, it may impose any Additional Suspension.

(e) Subject to section 8.2(f), when determining a challenge, the Disciplinary Committee may consider:

- i. the nature and severity of the Offence, including whether it, or part of it, was intentional, negligent or reckless;
- ii. the nature and severity of any injuries suffered by the victim(s) of the Offence;
- iii. the Player's past record and whether or not this is a repeated Offence;
- iv. the remorse of the Player; and
- v. any extenuating circumstances relevant to the commission of the Offence (excluding any disciplinary decision taken or failure to take a disciplinary decision by a Match Official during the Match which is specifically excluded pursuant to section 3.2(h)v).

For the avoidance of doubt, the Disciplinary Committee may only consider these factors on the issue of severity of the Suspension, unless they are relevant to the elements of the Offence.

(f) When determining whether the elements of an offence have been made out, the Disciplinary Tribunal must not take into account the following circumstances:

- i. the significance or importance to the Player or their Club of the Match in which the Offence was committed;
- ii. the significance or importance of any Match, Fixture or tournament in which the Player will be ineligible to participate because of the imposition of a Suspension imposed within the range in Schedule 3: Table of Offences;
- iii. the point in the Match at which the Offence was committed to the effect that the sending off was more or less of a punishment in itself;
- iv. the conduct, including actions, words or gestures of any Participant or Spectator during or related to the Match; and
- v. any disciplinary decision taken or failure to take a disciplinary decision by a Match Official during the Match.

When considering these points in relation to the imposition of a suspension, the Disciplinary Tribunal must not afford them undue weight such that the seriousness of the offence is given too little weight.

(g) If the identity of the Participant is at issue, prior to bringing a challenge under this section, the Participant must first challenge the Match Official Send-Off/Expulsion Report or the Notice of Suspension, as the case may be, in accordance with section 2.3.

(h) If a Participant wishes to lodge a challenge to a Suspension under this section, the Participant

must notify the Disciplinary Officer by submitting the following:

i. a signed written statement by the Participant (or their Club) setting out the grounds upon which they rely. In the interests of efficiency, that statement must not exceed two (2) A4 pages of normally sized and spaced text. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the Disciplinary Tribunal not being convened, and

ii. Payment to the DDFA the relevant Application Fee

no later than 4.00pm on the second (2nd) working day after the issuance of a Notice of Suspension.

(i) The requirements under 3.2(h) may be set aside on application by the Participant or their club if there are exceptional circumstances, but the chairman may impose different requirements.

(l) The DDFA may file written submissions in reply to the material filed by the Participant (or their Club).

(m) The chairman may issue directions for the provision of further material.

(n) The chairman may issue directions relating to interlocutory hearings, hearing dates, attendance of witnesses, and such other directions as are necessary for the fair conduct of the final hearing.

(o) The chairman must give effect to the Tribunal's determination by issuing either a notice of suspension or a notice of acquittal. Any notice of suspension must be issued for the duration or number of matches and on the conditions stipulated by the Tribunal. Notice will be provided to the participant's club. That Club must, as soon as is practicable, advise the Participant of the Tribunal's determination and, if applicable, provide the Participant with a copy of the Notice of Suspension.

3.3 Appeals - Appealing other decisions of the Disciplinary Officer by DDFA, Referees, or Report Writers

(a) A decision to decline to issue a suspension or to refer to the Disciplinary Tribunal under s 2(1)(a)(vii) or (viii) may be appealed to the Disciplinary Tribunal with the leave of the Executive.

(b) The right of appeal under this section is limited to:

- i. The DDFA; and
- ii. The DFRA; and
- iii. the person under whose name an incident report was filed, for the purposes of refusals under s 2(1)(a)(viii).

(c) If a Participant wants to appeal pursuant to this section, the Participant must, within seven (7) working days of the issuance of the decision of the Disciplinary Officer:

- i. pay to the DDFA the relevant Application Fee (as per Schedule 4: Application Fees);
- ii. submit to Disciplinary Officer a completed and signed Notice of Appeal - Decision of the Disciplinary Committee (Red Card Offence) (Prescribed Form 09 – [click here](#));
- iii. submit to the Disciplinary Officer all supporting material, including any additional evidence; and
- iv. submit to the Disciplinary Officer any written submissions the Participant intends to rely on.

3.4 Hearings - Matters Referred by Disciplinary Officer

- (a) Upon referral of matters, the Tribunal chairman shall issue directions to the parties relating to the conduct of the proceedings.
- (b) Among other directions, the chairman shall seek an indication from the referred participant whether the elements of the offence are admitted or not admitted.
- (c) Failure to answer the direction issued under (b) within 72 hours shall be taken to be an admission of the elements of the offence.
- (d) An extension of time may be sought in relation to (b) of no more than 24 hours.
- (d) An explicit admission of the elements, or an admission under (c), once accepted by the chairman, is binding and irrevocable.
- (e) If the elements are not admitted, the chairman shall issue a further direction as to payment of the relevant fee, which shall be a condition precedent to issuing further directions relating to the filing of evidence or dates for hearing.
- (f) The chairman may issue directions to any Participant, including spectators, for the provision of statements or for attendance at hearing. Further, the chairman may direct that a club secure the attendance of a person.

3.5 Contempt against the Disciplinary Tribunal

- (a) If the Disciplinary Tribunal is satisfied on the balance of probabilities that:
 - i. a challenge pursuant to section 3.3 had no prospects of success and amounted to an abuse of process; or
 - ii. a Participant submitted to a Prescribed Form, evidence of any kind, a written statement, or submission that the Participant knew or ought reasonably to have suspected to be untrue (wholly or in part) or that was intended to deliberately mislead the Disciplinary Officer,

the Participant will be liable to suspension from all football related activities for a minimum period of 3 months, and a maximum period of 18 months.

(b) A participant who fails, without reasonable excuse, to attend a hearing of the Disciplinary Tribunal, or to answer questions at a hearing, as directed by the chairman, is guilty of misconduct and is liable to a maximum suspension of 3 months.

(c) Findings of contempt under this part may be made on the Tribunal's own motion or by application of a party, and will be made either:

i. immediately either on the application of a party, or on the Tribunal's own motion, but shall always be subject to the principles of procedural fairness, or

ii. after adjournment for investigation and further hearing,

but in either case proceedings for contempt will adhere to concepts of procedural fairness.

(d) A reference to a reasonable excuse under this part does not include concerns relating to self-incrimination, damage to relationships, or mere embarrassment.

3.6 Orders for Costs

(a) Where a party causes a hearing to be adjourned on less than 24-hours notice, the Tribunal chairman may order payment by that party, or parties, of the costs of reconvening the Tribunal, not exceeding the application fee relevant to the proceedings.

(b) If the costs are unpaid the matter will not be relisted for hearing.

(c) If the costs remain unpaid after 7 days the proceedings, if the defaulting party is the applicant, may dismiss the application, and if the defaulting party is the respondent, may determine the matter in favour of the applicant.

(d) If the costs remain unpaid after 14 days, the proceedings will be considered abandoned and must, if the defaulting party is the applicant, be dismissed, and if the defaulting party is the respondent, determined in favour of the applicant.

(e) In all instances costs are payable to the DDFA.

PART 4 - OFFENCES

4.1 Influencing witness.

a) A participant who influences, or attempts to influence, a witness to provide a false statement, or give false evidence to, the Disciplinary Officer or the Disciplinary Tribunal, is liable to suspension for 24 months.

b) A participant who commits an offence under 9.1(a) by way of a threat of adverse consequences, or by way of inducement, is liable to suspension for 60 months.

c) A participant who commits an offence under 9.1(b) where the threat is one of violence or the inducement is financial or material, is liable for suspension for life.

4.2 Refusing to provide statement.

A participant who refuses, without reasonable excuse, to provide a statement to the Disciplinary Officer or to the Disciplinary Tribunal, when directed, is liable to suspension for 3 months.

4.3 Contravening terms of suspension

a) A participant who fails to abide by the terms of any suspension, whether interim or final, is liable to further suspension for a period three times the length of the contravened suspension.

PART 5 - SUSPENSIONS

5.1 Time Suspensions

The Disciplinary Officer, or Disciplinary Tribunal, may cause a suspension for a period of time to commence later or earlier than the day the suspension is issued, but no later than 6 months, and no earlier than the date an interim suspension was issued in relation to the offence the subject of the suspension.

5.2 Fixture Suspensions

The Disciplinary Officer, or Disciplinary Tribunal, may cause a suspension for a number of fixtures to commence earlier than the day the suspension is issued, but no earlier than the date an interim suspension was issued in relation to the offence the subject of the suspension.

5.3 Subject of Suspensions

The Disciplinary Officer, or Disciplinary Tribunal, may direct that a suspension or part of a suspension apply only to discrete aspects of a Participant's football related activities, but only where any applicable minimum suspension remains in relation to all football related activities.

5.4 Who may be Suspended.

If a suspension is issued in relation to a person it is immaterial whether the person is, has been, or has ever been registered with a DDFA member, with the DDFA directly, or played in any DDFA competition.

PART 6 - NO RECOURSE TO COURTS

Any Determination made under these rules will be final and binding on the parties and no person may institute or maintain proceedings in any court of law or tribunal in relation to such

Determination other than such rights of appeal as may be conferred by Football NSW from time to time.

SCHEDULE

Disciplinary Officer

The Disciplinary Officer shall be appointed by the executive.

The Disciplinary Officer shall be a person who has been admitted to the Supreme Court of NSW for a period of no less than 5 years and who holds a current NSW practicing certificate.

The Disciplinary Officer shall be responsible for reviewing match cards for the purpose of logging accumulated yellow cards.

The Disciplinary Officer shall be responsible for keeping a record of disciplinary action taken against participants.

Disciplinary Tribunal

Shall be comprised of the chairman and either,

- a) two members of the DDFA executive, or
- b) one member of the DDFA executive and lawyer who has been admitted to the Supreme Court of NSW and is eligible to apply for an unsupervised practising certificate,

and shall be convened and disbanded from time to time.

The chairman shall be, in all circumstances, the Disciplinary Officer.

The two other members shall be selected by the Disciplinary Officer.

In selecting the two other members the Disciplinary Officer shall have regard to any actual or perceived conflicts of interest that arise from the material available, or that may arise during a hearing.

Participants involved in the hearing may, at least 5 days before the commencement of the hearing, or as otherwise directed by the Disciplinary Officer, raise issue with the appointment of either or both of the two additional members. The issues and any remedies will be determined by the Disciplinary Officer in an interlocutory hearing.

If two additional members cannot be appointed in accordance with this section, for whatever reason, one or both of them may be appointed by the Disciplinary Officer from such of the Presidents of the member clubs, again having regard to any actual or perceived conflicts of interest that arise from the material available, or that may arise during a hearing.

If issues persist, the Participant or Participants may apply for the matter to be heard by the chairman sitting alone. Such an application will be successful if it is substantially in the interests of justice.

Conduct of proceedings

The chairman shall be the sole adjudicator of the conduct of the proceedings.

Proceedings before the Tribunal are to be conducted inquisitorially, but the principles of natural justice must be given primacy.

The chairman may investigate, or guide the investigation into, matters of fact to be heard by the Tribunal.

Decisions as to the substantive matters under the consideration of the Tribunal will be made by majority.

A member of the Tribunal may not abstain from making a decision of fact.

The chairman may issue directions for the parties to attend, by any means ordered, interim hearings either on his own motion or on the application of a party.

Interim hearings may be held on no less than 24 hours' notice unless all parties consent to an earlier time.

Fees

Mistaken identity appeal to Disciplinary Officer under s 7.4 - \$100

Appeal against Notice of Suspension issued by Disciplinary Officer under s 8.2 - \$400.

Appeal against refusal by Disciplinary Officer under s 8.3- \$750

On referral of matters by Disciplinary Officer to Tribunal

- Where the referred Participant indicates that the elements of the Offence are not made out - \$250
- Where the referred Participant admits the elements of the Offence but seeks to dispute matters of fact in the notice of suspension - \$150
- Where the referred Participant admits the elements of the Offence but seeks to reduce their suspension – \$50.

Completion of Notices of Suspension by Disciplinary Officer - \$50

Completion of Notices of Suspension by Disciplinary Tribunal - \$200

Probation

A period of probation is a period under which a suspension is not executed on the undertaking of a Participant that they will be of good behaviour.

Such an undertaking will be breached if the Participant is found to have committed a sending off offence, other than for R4, R5, or R7

Send off codes.

R1 – Serious foul play

R2 – Violent conduct

R3 – Spitting

R4 – Denial of obvious goal scoring opportunity or obvious goal by handling

R5 – Denial of obvious goal scoring opportunity by foul

R6 – Using offensive, insulting or abusive language, gestures or conduct.

R7 – Two cautions in the same match

FOOTBALL RELATED ACTIVITIES

- i. taking to the Field of Play (or court) as a Player or Match Official in any match or competition sanctioned , administered, or participated in by the DDFA or its member clubs;
- ii. taking a position or acting as a coach, Team Official or Club Official in any match or competition sanctioned or administered by the DDFA or its member clubs (in the case of a coach, this includes providing or attempting to provide coaching instructions, engaging, or attempting to engage a third party to relay coaching instructions);
- iii. entering the Field of Play (or court), its surrounds, the Technical Area, players' race, dressing rooms or any other place within a venue on a match day where players, coaches or Officials are likely to assemble to prepare for a match;
- iv. taking part as a player, coach, Team Official or Club Official in any training session conducted by or for a team or club participating in any matches or competitions sanctioned or administered by the DDFA or its member clubs;
- v. acting in any way as a Team Official, Club Official or Association Member Official, including, but not limited to, participating in or carrying on any function as a member of a committee, sub-committee or board of directors (whether paid, voluntary or honorary) at any level (to the extent such a restraint is permissible by law);
- vi. having any contact with the Broadcast Partner or any other media where the purpose of such contact is for it to be electronically broadcast to the public, including (but not limited to) participating in any post-match press conference and participating in television or radio interviews;
- vii. attending any function or event coordinated, conducted or sanctioned by Football NSW;

- viii. entering a stadium, venue, ground or Centre during any match, competition or training session sanctioned or administered by the DDFA or its member clubs.