



2017 NSR KANGA CUP DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES



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SECTION 1: DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS

1. OBJECTIVES AND APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS

- a. The KCOC will interpret and apply all articles of these Regulations and, subject to Article 2(b) of the Regulations, any such interpretation or application will be final and binding on all parties
- b. All players and officials agree to be bound by the FFA Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Regulations
- c. These Regulations exist in conjunction with the FFA National Grievance Resolution Regulations and the FFA Grievance Procedure By-Law (**FFA Grievance Resolution Regulations**)
- d. Where these Regulations are silent on any particular aspect, then all teams, affiliated bodies and organisations shall first have regard to the FFA Rules and Regulations and, where applicable, the Rules and Regulations of the Asian Football Confederation and FIFA

2. AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION

- a. These Regulations will apply exclusively to facilitate the expeditious and fair resolution of incidents, disciplinary, dispute and conduct matters relating to the Tournament
- b. Each Participant, Team and Spectator shall submit exclusively to the jurisdiction of these Regulations and agrees that unless it has exhausted the procedures set out in these Regulations, NDRs and the FFA Grievance Resolution Regulations; it will not attempt to resolve any incident, disciplinary, dispute, conduct or grievance matters by recourse to a court of law
- c. The KCOC will establish a Disciplinary Committee to determine sanctions for any expulsions or incidents that occur during or in connection with the Competition
- d. The KCOC will establish an Appeals Tribunal to hear any appeals against the decisions of the Disciplinary Committee
- e. The Disciplinary Committee may issue sanctions for any expulsion or incident reported to it that occurred during or in connection to the Competition
- f. The Appeals Tribunal can uphold, reduce or quash a sanction issued by the Disciplinary Committee
- g. The KCOC may, in its absolute discretion, stand down a Participant the subject of an Incident Report from participating in any Match of the Competition until the Disciplinary Committee has been convened and a decision has been made
- h. Any appeal against a decision of the Appeals Tribunal can only be made to the relevant FFA appeal body as detailed in the FFA Grievance Resolution Regulations

3. POSSIBLE DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS

- a. A table of offences and applicable minimum sanctions are set out in Annexure 1 and 2 to these Regulations (**Table of Offences**)

4. ACCUMULATION OF YELLOW CARDS

- a. Any player who accumulates 4 yellow cards through the course of the Tournament must serve a mandatory 1 match suspension that must be served in the team's next match. The yellow card tally is restored to nil after the suspension is served. Existing Yellow Cards will be wiped after the Group Stage of the Tournament before the Championship Stage/ Consolation Match Stage commences. A player receiving his/ her fourth yellow card on the last round of the Group Stage will still miss the next match
- b. Any player that accumulates 2 yellow cards in the Championship Stage must serve a mandatory 1 match suspension
- c. Yellow cards earned in the Group Stage do not accumulate through to the Championship Stage
- d. If a player receives 2 yellow cards during the same match the player will then receive a red card and must vacate the field and leave the area under the jurisdiction of the referee. The player will receive an automatic one match suspension that must be served in the team's following fixture with no dispute. The 2 yellow cards are expunged from his or her record and are not counted as they are regarded as a red card for the purpose of suspension
- e. If a player receives a yellow card and then a direct red card in the same match, the yellow card will not be expunged and will be counted in the player's accumulation of yellow cards

5. ACCUMULATION OF RED CARDS

- a. A player who receives a straight red card must vacate the field and leave the area under the jurisdiction of the referee. The player will receive and must serve the Mandatory Match Suspension of 1 match plus any additional suspension as determined by the Disciplinary Committee or, in the case of an appeal, the suspension imposed by the Appeals Tribunal. The suspension will apply to the next NSR Kanga Cup fixture involving his/her team players and where applicable, to any subsequent match involving the player's team
- b. A player that receives any subsequent straight red card in the Competition will be required to serve the Mandatory Match Suspension of 2 matches plus any additional suspension as determined by the Disciplinary Committee, or, in the case of an appeal, the Appeals Tribunal or the relevant FFA appeal body, as the case may be

6. TEAM OFFICIALS

- a. A Team Official who is sent from the Technical Area is required to serve a minimum 1 match suspension in addition to any further sanction applicable and determined by the Disciplinary Committee or, in the case of an appeal, the suspension imposed by the Appeals Tribunal or the relevant FFA appeal body, as the case may be

7. ALDI MINIROOS FIXTURES (U9 – U11)

- a. A game leader has the authority to ask a player to leave the field of play for a period of 5 minutes, with a replacement for any action they deem to be against the spirit of the NSR Kanga Cup, Code of Conduct and/or FIFA Laws of the Game
- b. For a second action by the same player in the same game, that is deemed to not be in the spirit of the game that player will be removed from the field with a replacement for the remainder of that game

8. OFFICIAL AND SPECTATOR BEHAVIOUR

- a. All Participating teams must actively promote acceptable behaviour by Team Officials and spectators through newsletters, appropriate insertions in handbooks provided to Team Officials and any other medium that the club uses to communicate to their officials and spectators
- b. It shall be the responsibility of each team to maintain control of its officials and spectators at any match in which it is involved and to assist the Referee and NSR Kanga Cup officials in the preservation of order and good discipline at the game. This responsibility extends to including 'Spectator Free Zones'
- c. On grounds which contain adjacent playing pitches and where matches are being played side by side, no persons other than the match officials and persons previously approved by the KCOC shall be permitted to position themselves between these playing pitches during the progress of any match
- d. The only persons permitted within the pitch exclusion zone at any time during the progress of any match shall be:
 - i. The registered competing players and reserves from each team;
 - ii. The registered Coach and Manager;
 - iii. The officiating referees and linesmen;
 - iv. First-aid or emergency services personnel;
 - v. Nominated club officials wearing Capital Football or NSR Kanga Cup Official vests;
 - vi. Accredited media personnel;
 - vii. A member of the KCOC or Capital Football Staff
- e. A spectator present at a match or otherwise involved in any activity staged during the NSR Kanga Cup as sanctioned by FFA or an affiliated Member Federation must:
 - i. Respect the decisions of Match Officials and teach children to do the same;
 - ii. Never ridicule or unduly scold a child for making a mistake;
 - iii. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, race, colour, religion, language, politics, national or ethnic origin;
 - iv. Not to use violence in any form, whether it is against other spectators, Team Officials (including coaches), Match Officials or Players;
 - v. Not engage in discrimination, harassment or abuse in any form, including the use of obscene or offensive language or gestures, the incitement of hatred or violence or partaking in indecent or racist chanting;
 - vi. Comply with any terms of entry of a venue, including bag inspections, prohibited and restricted items such as flares, missiles, dangerous articles and items that have the potential to cause injury or public nuisance;
 - vii. Not, and must not attempt to, bring into a venue national or political flags or emblems (except for the recognised national flags of any of the competing teams) or offensive or inappropriate banners, whether written in English or a foreign language;
 - viii. Not throw missiles (including on to the field of play or at other spectators) and must not enter the field of play or its surrounds without lawful authority;
 - ix. Conduct themselves in a manner that enhances, rather than injures, the reputation and goodwill of FFA and football generally
- f. Any person who does not comply with the above Code of Behaviour or who otherwise causes a disturbance may be evicted from a venue and banned from attending future KC matches

- g. Misbehaviour by club officials or failure to keep spectators in order may result in the imposition of a competition points deduction and/or financial penalty in accordance with the NSR Kanga Cup's Disputes & Disciplinary Procedures, and any other penalty the Disputes and Disciplinary Committee considers appropriate in the circumstances

9. REPORTS

- a. If a referee cautions or sends a player off during a game, they must write the caution or send off offence code in the offences column next to the player's name on the relevant match card
- b. In order to ensure the efficiency of disciplinary and conduct matters, a Match Official must provide to the KCOC a Match Official Report immediately at the completion of a Match. Match Official Reports are to be provided for:
 - i. Any Red Card Offences issued during the Match including the categorisation of Offences (set out in a Match Official Send Off Report); and
 - ii. Any serious incidents which took place (set out in a Match Official Incident Report)

10. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

- a. Claims of Mistaken Identity
 - i. Law 5 of the FIFA Laws of the Game confirms that the decisions of the referee regarding facts connected with play are final
 - ii. If a Team Official believes that a player has been mistakenly identified on the team sheet by a Match Official as having received a yellow or red card, the Team Official must advise, in person, the Referee Coordinator of the relevant venue prior to signing the team sheet
 - iii. The Referee Coordinator shall then liaise with the Team Official, the Match Officials, the relevant Participants and any other witnesses the Referee Coordinator deems relevant and determine against whom the yellow or red card should have been issued
 - iv. A final determination can only be made by the Match Official pursuant to section 10.a.iii and is final and binding on all parties
 - v. In the case of Incident Reports, prior to submitting an Incident Report, the author of the Incident Report must confirm the identity of the Participant with the Participant or with the Team Official of the Participant's Team
 - vi. There will be no appeal against yellow cards and no protests will be heard on any judgement calls by a referee
- b. Suspensions Resulting from Match Officials Send-Off Reports
 - i. The Disciplinary Committee will issue suspensions solely based on the Match Official Send-Off Report received from the Match Officials and in accordance with the Table of Offences
- c. Suspension Resulting from Match Official Incident Reports
 - i. The Disciplinary Committee will issue suspensions solely based on the Incident Report received from the Match Officials and in accordance with the Table of Offences
- d. Suspension Resulting from Other Incident Reports
 - i. The Disciplinary Committee will issue suspensions based on such Incident Reports and in accordance with the Table of Offences
 - ii. The Disciplinary Committee may request additional information when considering such cases

- e. Appeal a Notice of Suspension
 - i. Subject to section 10.a, a Participant may appeal the disciplinary sanction imposed by the Disciplinary Committee (and set out in a Notice of Suspension) by lodging an appeal with the KCOC Tournament Director within 4 hours of receiving the Notice of Suspension
 - ii. Any protest or appeal to technical matters or a protest against the severity of any disciplinary action must be made in writing and be submitted by a registered team official to the NSR Kanga Cup office accompanied by a fee of AUD\$100, no later than 5pm on the day of the specified incident. No appeal fee is payable in circumstances where the appeal is on the basis of mistaken identity and the suspension resulted from an Incident Report
 - iii. In the case of the player suspension, that player will remain suspended from matches until such a time as the protest has been heard and a decision determined
 - iv. Except in the case of obvious error, there is no appeal from a minimum match suspension
 - v. Any team that plays an ineligible player shall be deemed to have lost the match. The opposing team shall be awarded 3 points and goals recorded as 3-0 in their favour
 - vi. The following guidelines apply in determining whether a Match Official's decision amounted to obvious error:
 - 1. A disciplinary decision must have been made by the Match Official to issue a yellow or red card;
 - 2. It clearly must have been a wrong decision (such as mistaken identity); and
 - 3. It must not have been a discretionary decision by a Match Official as to whether an action was a foul or a yellow or red card
- f. An appeal against a decision of the Disciplinary Committee will be heard by the Appeals Tribunal. When determining any appropriate sanction, the Appeals Tribunal may consider:
 - i. The nature and severity of the offence;
 - ii. The Participant's past record and whether or not it is a repeat offence;
 - iii. The culpability of the participant (including whether or not the infringement was intentional, negligent or reckless);
 - iv. Any reasons prompting the participant to commit the infringement; and
 - v. Any extenuating circumstances
- g. The Appeals Tribunal may, in its absolute discretion, request additional information from the Participant and/or from his or her nominated Member Federation contact prior to making a decision
- h. After considering the evidence, the Appeals Tribunal will decide whether the appeal is to be rejected or upheld (in whole or in part)
- i. If the Appeals Tribunal rejects the appeal, the original decision set out in the Notice of Suspension applies

11. DISCIPLINARY HEARING PROCEDURES

- a. The NSR Kanga Cup Disciplinary Panel has been established to be the sole deciding body to arbitrate on appeals concerning any and all of the preceding tournament rules
- b. The Disciplinary Panel will rule on any disputes arising from, or are associated with, the NSR Kanga Cup. All decisions are final
- c. Given the nature of the Competition:
 - i. The Disciplinary Committee will comprise a minimum of 1 member in order to make valid decisions.
 - ii. The Appeals Tribunal will comprise of a minimum of 2 members in order to make a valid decision
- d. Only appeals on the grounds of mistaken identity will be permitted as an appeal against the decision of a referee as any other appeal is strictly contrary to FIFA directives which clearly state that the referee's decision on the field is final and binding
- e. Any appeals should be lodged, accompanied by a \$100 fee, to the NSR Kanga Cup Office no later than 5pm on the day of the incident. The fee is refundable if the appeal is upheld. Hearings will be held at the Capital Football Offices and Notification of the Disciplinary Panel's decision will be available from the office at 9:00am the following day if the relevant parties are not informed beforehand
- f. The KCOC will defer to the Capital Football disciplinary regulations and schedule of penalties when an offence is not outlined in Annexure 1 or 2

12. IMPLEMENTATION OF DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS

- a. Any suspension issued under these Regulations will apply in accordance with the Notice of Suspension
- b. Should a Participant receive a match suspension under these Regulations, the match suspension shall be served in the next consecutive Match/s which that Participant's team plays in, until the match suspension is served in full
- c. Regardless of whether they receive a Notice of Suspension prior to their next Match, players that are expelled from the court must serve a mandatory 1 match suspension at their next Match. Should a player take the court in the Match following an expulsion, that participant's team will be deemed to have fielded an ineligible player and will forfeit the match
- d. Regardless of whether they receive a Notice of Suspension prior to their next Match, any Team Official expelled from the Technical Area must serve a mandatory 1 match suspension at their next Match

13. ANNEXURE 1: TABLE OF OFFENCES

Offence No.	Offence	Minimum Sanction
1 (R4 or R5 for Player)	Denying the opposing team an obvious goal-scoring opportunity	Auto (1 mandatory match suspension)
2 (R6 for Player)	Use of offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures	Auto (1 mandatory match suspension)
3 (R1 for Players)	Serious Foul Play (e.g. when challenging for the ball)	Auto (1 mandatory match suspension)
4 (R2 for Players)	Assault on a Player (e.g. violent conduct when not challenging for the ball)	Auto + 1 additional match
5 (R6 for Players)	Serious Unsporting Conduct	Auto (1 mandatory match suspension)
6 (R6 for Players)	Use of discriminatory language and/or gesture, including racist, religious, ethnic or sexist	Auto + 4 additional match
7 (R3 for Players)	Spitting at a player	Auto + 4 additional match
8 (R2 or R6 for Players)	Inciting a brawl	Auto + 4 additional match

14. ANNEXURE 2: SPECIFIC OFFENCES AGAINST A MATCH OFFICIAL

Offence No.	Offence	Minimum Sanction
9 (R6 for Players)	Use of offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gesture against a match official	Auto (1 mandatory match suspension)
10 (R6 for Players)	Unsporting conduct towards match officials	Auto + 3 additional match
11 (R2 for Players)	Assault of a match official	Auto + 3 years
12 (R3 for Players)	Spitting on a match official	Auto + 3 years