

Disciplinary Regulations

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SECTION 1: DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS

1. Objectives and Application of Regulations

- a. Capital Football (**CF**) has established the Kanga Cup Organising Committee (**KCOC**) to deliver the Kanga Cup (the **Tournament**).
- b. These Disputes and Disciplinary Regulations (the **Regulations**) are supplementary to the FFA National Disciplinary Regulations (**NDRs**).
- c. Where these Regulations are silent on any particular aspect, then all teams, affiliated bodies and organisations shall first have regard to the Kanga Cup regulations, CF regulations, FFA regulations and, where applicable, the regulations of the Asian Football Confederation and FIFA.
- d. The KCOC will interpret and apply all articles of these Regulations and any such interpretation or application will be final and binding on all parties.
- e. All capitalised terms used but not defined have the meaning given to them in the Kanga Cup regulation and CF regulations.

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, the CF regulations and NDRs, it will not attempt to resolve any incident, disciplinary, dispute, conduct or grievance matters by recourse to a court of law.

3. Possible Disciplinary Sanctions

- a. Possible Disciplinary Sanctions are as outlined in the NDRs.
- b. A table of offences and applicable minimum sanctions are set out in Annexure 1 to these Regulations (Table of Offences).

4. Yellow Card Offences

- a. A caution (or yellow card) is issued for a minor infringement of the Laws of the Game and is a warning from the referee to a Player during a Match to sanction unsporting behaviour of a less serious nature under the following codes;
 - Y1 - is guilty of unsporting behaviour.
 - Y2 - shows dissent by word or action.
 - Y3 - persistently infringes the Laws of the Game.
 - Y4 - delays the restart of play.
 - Y5 - fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick or throw-in.
 - Y6 - enters or re-enters the field of play without the Match Official's permission.
 - Y7 - deliberately leaves the field of play without the Match Official's permission.
- b. There is no appeal against the receiving of a yellow card from a referee except as defined in article 4 of the NDRs.

5. Accumulation of Yellow Cards

- a. Any player that accumulates 3 yellow cards in the Group Stage must serve a mandatory 1 match suspension.
- 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. Yellow cards that do not result in a match suspension do not carry over into any other competition.
- e. If a player receives 2 yellow cards during the same match and therefore receives a red card, the 2 yellow cards are expunged from his or her record and are not accumulated.
- f. 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.

6. Red Card Offences

- a. An expulsion (or red card) is issued for a serious infringement of the Laws of the Game and is the order given by a referee to a Participant to leave the vicinity of the field of play and the technical area, including the substitutes bench during a match, under the following codes;
R1 is guilty of serious foul play.
R2 is guilty of violent conduct.
R3 spits at an opponent or any other person.
R4 denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within his or her own penalty area).
R5 denies an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the Player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick.
R6 uses offensive or insulting or abusive language and/or gestures.
R7 receives a second caution in the same Match.
- b. There is no appeal against the receiving of a red card from a referee except as defined in article 4 of the FFA National Disciplinary Regulations
- c. A Participant who is given a red card must leave the field of play and technical area during a Match.

7. Accumulation of Red Cards

- a. A player that receives a straight red card 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 Committee or the relevant judicial appeal body, as the case may be.
- 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 Committee or the relevant judicial body, as the case may be.

8. Expulsion of a Team Official

- a. A Team Official that 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 Committee or the relevant judicial body, as the case may be.

9. Spectator Behaviour

- a. A spectator present at a match or otherwise involved in any activity staged during the Kanga Cup 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 football generally.
- b. 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 Kanga Cup matches.
- c. For further clarification please see the FFA Spectator Code of Behaviour attached as Annexure 2.
- d. Misbehaviour by Team Officials or failure by a team to manage the appropriate behaviour of its spectators may result in the imposition of a competition points deduction and/or financial penalty and/or any other penalty the Disciplinary Committee considers appropriate in the circumstances.

10. Reports

- a. In order to ensure the efficient delivery of disciplinary and conduct matters, a Match Official must provide to the KCOC a Match Official Report immediately at the completion of a Match.

- b. Match Official Reports are to be provided for:
 - i. Any Red Card offences issued during the Match including the categorisation of the offence/s; and
 - ii. Any serious incidents which took place.
- c. Match Official Reports will be available through the StatEdge Mobile App.

11. Judicial Bodies

- a. Disciplinary Committee;
 - i. The KCOC will establish the Disciplinary Committee to determine sanctions for any expulsions or incidents that occur during or in connection with the Tournament.
 - ii. The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 3 members. Given the nature of the Tournament the Disciplinary Committee will comprise a minimum of 1 member in order to make valid decisions.
 - iii. The Disciplinary Committee may issue sanctions for any expulsion or incident reported to it that occurred during or in connection to the Tournament.
 - iv. 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.
- b. Appeals Committee;
 - i. The KCOC will establish the Appeals Tribunal to hear any appeals against the decisions of the Disciplinary Committee.
 - ii. The Appeals Committee shall consist of a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 3 members. Given the nature of the Tournament the Appeals Committee will comprise a minimum of 2 members in order to make valid decisions.
 - iii. The Appeals Tribunal can uphold, reduce or quash a sanction issued by the Disciplinary Committee.
 - iv. Any appeal against a decision of the Appeals Committee can only be made to the relevant judicial body as detailed in the CF Disputes and Disciplinary Regulations, NDRs ad FFA Judicial Bodies By-Law.
- c. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Regulations, the KCOC may forward a Send-Off Report or Incident Report to CF for further investigation and determination. CF may determine, in its absolute discretion, how such matters are to be dealt with, including but not limited to, referring the matter to the CF Disciplinary Committee. CF may, in its absolute discretion, stand down a Participant the subject of a Send-Off Report or Incident Report being investigated by CF from participating in any Match of the Competition until the matter has been finalised.

12. Disciplinary Procedures

- a. Claims of Mistaken Identity

Within two hours after the completion of each Match, a Team Official from each Team must confirm match details via StatEdge.

The Team Official must ensure that any yellow or red cards attributed to players on their Team have been done so correctly.

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 Venue Manager of the relevant venue prior confirming match details.

The Venue Manager shall then liaise with the Team Official, the Match Officials, the relevant Participants and any other witnesses the Venue Manager deems relevant and determine against whom the yellow or red card should have been issued.

The determination made by a Venue Manager is final and binding on all parties.

For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Regulations, a Participant cannot appeal, on the basis of mistaken identity, a suspension resulting from a Match Official Send-Off Report.

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.

b. Suspensions Resulting from Match Official Send-Off Reports

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.

The Disciplinary Committee will set out any suspension in a Notice of Suspension which will be issued to the Participant's team contact as soon as is practicable after completion of the Match.

c. Suspensions Resulting from Match Official Incident Reports

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.

The Disciplinary Committee will set out any suspension in a Notice of Suspension which will be issued to a Participant's team contact as soon as is practicable after completion of the Match.

d. Suspensions Resulting from Other Incident Reports

The Disciplinary Committee may consider Incident Reports submitted by the nominated team contact and the KCOC Tournament Director or his / her appointee.

The Disciplinary Committee will issue suspensions based on such Incident Reports and in accordance with the Table of Offences.

The Disciplinary Committee may request additional information when considering such cases.

The Disciplinary Committee will set out any suspension in a Notice of Suspension which will be issued to a Participant's nominated Member Federation contact as soon as is practicable after completion of the Match.

e. Appealing a Notice of Suspension

A Participant may appeal the disciplinary sanction imposed by the Disciplinary Committee (and set out in a Notice of Suspension) by lodging with the KCOC Disciplinary Coordinator an Appeals Form within 4 hours of the team contact receiving the Notice of Suspension.

The appeal fee is \$750 which must be paid into the bank account of the KCOC (as nominated by the KCOC Disciplinary Coordinator) at the time of lodging the Appeals Form. A copy of the receipt confirming payment of the appeal fee must accompany the lodgement of Appeals Form.

Except in the case of obvious error, there is no appeal from a minimum match suspension.

The following guidelines apply in determining whether a Match Official's decision amounted to obvious error:

- a disciplinary decision must have been made by the Match Official to issue a yellow or red card;
- it clearly must have been a wrong decision (such as mistaken identity); and
- 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.

A Participant (or the Participant's team contact on the Participant's behalf) may, in very limited circumstances, seek to limit the disciplinary consequences of a suspension by demonstrating to the Appeals Committee that the circumstances of an incident leading to a suspension were exceptional, such that the suspension imposed would be clearly and demonstrably excessive.

An appeal against a decision of the Disciplinary Committee will be heard by the Appeals Committee. When determining any appropriate sanction, the Appeals Committee may consider:

- the nature and severity of the offence;
- the Participant's past record and whether or not it is a repeat offence;
- the culpability of the Participant (including whether or not the infringement was intentional, negligent or reckless);
- any reasons prompting the Participant to commit the infringement; and
- any extenuating circumstances.

If a Participant wishes to appeal a suspension, the Participant must submit the following:

WHAT:

COMPULSORY: A signed written statement by the Participant setting out the grounds upon which he or she believes the suspension set out in the Notice of Suspension should not be applied; AND

Pay the appeal fee of \$750 into the bank account of the KCOC (as nominated by the KCOC Tournament Director or his / her appointee); AND

A copy of the receipt confirming payment of the appeal fee; AND

OPTION 1: video or photo evidence; AND/OR

OPTION 2: signed written statements by other witnesses.

WHEN:

Within 4 hours of the nominated Team contact receiving the Notice of Suspension.

HOW:

Complete Appeals Form and provide it to the KCOC Disciplinary Coordinator.

If the KCOC does not receive a properly completed and signed written statement, any other evidence and confirmation of payment of the appeal fee by the time specified, the Participant is deemed to have accepted the suspension and to have waived his or her right to appeal the suspension.

The Appeals Committee may, in its absolute discretion, request additional information from the KCOC, from the Participant and/or from his or her Team contact prior to making a decision.

After considering the evidence, the Appeals Committee will decide whether the appeal is to be rejected or upheld (in whole or in part).

If the Appeals Committee rejects the appeal, the original decision set out in the Notice of Suspension applies.

If the Appeals Committee upholds the appeal (in whole or in part), it shall impose such suspension, if any, as it deems appropriate taking into consideration the circumstances of the subject incident, which revised suspension shall not be subject to any further challenge or appeal.

13. 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, that 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 receive an expulsion must serve a mandatory 1 match suspension at their next Match. Should a player take the field 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.
- e. If a Participant in the Competition plays under the jurisdiction of another Member Federation then the KCOC may inform that Member Federation of that Participant's remaining Suspension and the Member Federation may, in its absolute discretion, apply the Suspension to its competitions.

ANNEXURE 1: TABLE OF OFFENCES

Offence No	Offence	Minimum Sanction
1 (R4 or R5 for Players)	Denying the opposition team an obvious goal scoring opportunity	The Mandatory Match Suspension
2 (R6 for Players)	Use of offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures	The Mandatory Match Suspension
3 (R1 for Players)	Serious Foul Play (e.g. when challenging for the ball)	The Mandatory Match Suspension
4 (R2 for Players)	Assault on a Player (e.g. violent conduct when not challenging for the ball)	1 additional match plus the Mandatory Match Suspension
5 (R6 for Players)	Serious Unsporting Conduct	The Mandatory Match Suspension
6 (R6 for Players)	Use of discriminatory language and/or gestures, including racist, religious, ethnic or sexist	4 additional matches plus the Mandatory Match Suspension
7 (R3 for Players)	Spitting at a player	5 additional matches plus the Mandatory Match Suspension
8 (R2 or R6 for Players)	Inciting a brawl	5 additional matches plus the Mandatory Match Suspension
Specific Offences Against a Match Official		
9 (R6 for Players)	Use of offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures against a match official	The Mandatory Match Suspension
10 (R6 for Players)	Unsporting conduct toward a match official	3 additional matches plus the Mandatory Match Suspension
11 (R2 for Players)	Assault of a match official	6 months including the Mandatory Match Suspension
12 (R3 for Players)	Spitting at a match official	12 months including the Mandatory Match Suspension

Note: The Mandatory Match Suspension for a player who receives his or her first red card during the Competition is 1 match. The Mandatory Match Suspension for a player who receives his or her second or subsequent red card during the Competition is 2 matches.

ANNEXURE 2: FFA SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT



SPECTATOR CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

A spectator present at a Match or otherwise involved in any activity staged or sanctioned by FFA or an affiliated Member Federation, District Association or Club must:

- a. respect the decisions of Match Officials and teach children to do the same;
- b. never ridicule or unduly scold a child for making a mistake;
- c. respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, race, colour, religion, language, politics, national or ethnic origin;
- d. not use violence in any form, whether it is against other spectators, Team Officials (including coaches), Match Officials or Players;
- e. 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;
- f. 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;
- g. 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;
- h. 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; and
- i. conduct themselves in a manner that enhances, rather than injures, the reputation and goodwill of FFA and football generally.

Any person who does not comply with this Spectator Code of Behaviour or who otherwise causes a disturbance may be evicted from a venue and banned from attending future Matches.