

# Disputes & Disciplinary Regulations

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## SECTION 1: DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS

### 1.1 Objectives and Application of Regulations

- a. Capital Football (**CF**) has established the McDonalds Kanga Cup Organising Committee (**KCOC**) to deliver the McDonalds Kanga Cup.
- b. These Disputes and Disciplinary Regulations are supplementary to the FFA National Disciplinary Regulations.
- c. Where these Regulations are silent on any particular aspect, then all teams, affiliated bodies and organisations shall first have regard to the KCCR, 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. Unless stated otherwise, within these Regulations:

**Away Team** means the Team listed second in the draw

**CF** means Capital Football.

**Championship Stage** means the Matches played as part of the Finals series following the conclusion of the Group Stage.

**Competition** means all Matches that are played during the McDonald's Kanga Cup, encompassing the Group Stage, Championship Stage and Consolation Matches

**Consolation Matches** means Matches which are played after the Group Stage for Teams who do not qualify for the Championship Stage

**Division** means the playing level in which the Team is participating

**FFA** means Football Federation Australia

**FFA Number** means a Player's national registration number

**FFA NDR** means FFA National Disciplinary Regulations

**FIFA** means Federation Internationale De Football Association

**Group Stage** means those Matches included in regular season played between Teams in the group, not including the Championship Stage or Consolation Matches

**Home Team** means the Team listed first on the draw

**KC** means McDonald's Kanga Cup

**KCAC** means the McDonald's Kanga Cup Appeals Committee

**KCCR** means the McDonald's Kanga Cup Competition Regulations

**KCOC** means the McDonald's Kanga Cup Organising Committee

**KCDC** means the McDonald's Kanga Cup Disciplinary Committee

**Match** means a game of Football

**Match Official** means a referee, game leader, assistant referee, fourth official or referee coach

**Participant** means one or more of the following, whether individually or collectively:

- a) Players;
- b) Spectators;
- c) Team Officials

**Player** means a person who is registered to play in a Team in the Tournament

**Pools** means the arranging of Teams within a Division into smaller groups for Competition purposes

**Regulations** means the McDonald's Kanga Cup Competition Regulations

**Score Card** means the card where scores are listed

**Team Official** means any registered participant of the Team other than a Player

**Team** means a group of Players fielded by a Club to participate in the McDonald's Kanga Cup

**Tournament** means the entire McDonald's Kanga Cup, encompassing all Matches, events and ceremonies which may take place

**Venue Workforce** means one or more of the following, whether individually or collectively:

- a) Venue Manager
- b) Venue Assistant
- c) Results Manager
- d) Referee Coordinator

## 1.2 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.

## 1.3 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).
- c. Further to any sanctions as per Annexure 1 the KCOC will have the scope to administer monetary sanctions, where they see fit.

## 1.4 MiniRoos Sanctions (9-11 Years)

- a. The 1st Sanction (Caution):
  - i. The Game Leader has the authority to ask a player to leave the field of play for a period of 5 minutes for any action that is deemed to be against the spirit of the McDonald's Kanga Cup, Tournament Code of Conduct, Aldi MiniRoos Rules and/or the IFAB Laws of the Game;
  - ii. Player can be replaced.
  - iii. One hand held up to indicate the Cautionable Offence.
- b. The 2nd Sanction (Red Card):
  - i. The Game Leader has the authority to ask a player to leave the field of play for the rest of the match, for:
    - A second action that is deemed to be against the spirit of the Kanga Cup, Code of Conduct, Aldi MiniRoos Rules and/or the FIFA Laws of the Game;
    - Violent Conduct; Insulting, Offensive and Abusive Language and or Gestures; Spitting or Biting; Serious Foul Play.
  - ii. Player can be replaced.
  - iii. Two hands held up to indicate the Send-Off Offence.

## 1.5 Yellow Card Offences (12-18 Years)

- 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.
- b. There is no appeal against the receiving of a yellow card from a referee except as defined in article 4 of the FFA NDR.

## 1.6 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.

## 1.7 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 - bites or 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 NDR.

- c. A Participant who is given a red card must leave the field of play and technical area during a Match.

## **1.8 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 KCDC or, in the case of an appeal, the suspension imposed by the KCAC 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 two (2) matches plus any additional suspension as determined by the KCDC, or, in the case of an appeal, the KCAC or the relevant judicial body, as the case may be.

## **1.9 Expulsion of a Team Official**

- a. A Team Official that is sent from the Technical Area is required to serve a minimum one (1) match suspension in addition to any further sanction applicable and determined by the KCDC or, in the case of an appeal, the suspension imposed by the KCAC or the relevant judicial body, as the case may be.

## **1.10 Spectator Behaviour**

- b. A spectator present at a match or otherwise involved in any activity staged during the McDonalds 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.
- c. 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 McDonalds Kanga Cup matches.
- d. For further clarification please see the McDonald's Kanga Cup Code of Behaviour attached as Annexure 2.
- e. 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 KCDC considers appropriate in the circumstances.

### **1.11 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.

### **1.12 Judicial Bodies**

- a. KCDC;
  - i. The KCOC will establish the KCDC to determine sanctions for any expulsions or incidents that occur during or in conjunction with the Tournament.
  - ii. The KCDC shall consist of a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 3 members. Given the nature of the Tournament the KCDC will comprise a minimum of 1 member in order to make valid decisions.
  - iii. The KCDC may issue sanctions for any expulsion or incident reported to it that occurred during or in conjunction with 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 KCDC has been convened and a decision has been made.
- b. KCAC;
  - i. The KCOC will establish the Appeals Tribunal to hear any appeals against the decisions of the KCDC.
  - ii. The KCAC shall consist of a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 3 members. Given the nature of the Tournament the KCAC 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 KCDC.
  - iv. Any appeal against a decision of the KCAC can only be made to the relevant judicial body as detailed in the CF Disputes and Disciplinary Regulations, NDRs and 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 KCDC. 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.

### **1.13 Score Disputes**

- a. Incorrect results
  - i. Within two hours of the completion of each Match, a Team Official from each Team must confirm match details via the StatEdge mobile app.

- ii. If a Team Official believes that the score recorded for the match is incorrect, they must fill out the [McDonald's Kanga Cup Score Dispute Form](#) through the online form.
  - iii. Once received, the KCOC will liaise with the Match Official to determine what score is on the score card
  - iv. The score line that the Match Official states is to be correct will be the score that The KCOC will determine to be correct.
- b. The KCOC will not be accepting video footage in regards to altering a score
  - c. The KCOC will attempt where possible to ensure that the goal scorers are entered correctly, our priority is to ensure that score lines are correct.

## 1.14 Disciplinary Procedures

- a. Claims of Mistaken Identity
  - i. Within two hours of the completion of each Match, a Team Official from each Team must confirm match details via the StatEdge mobile app.
  - ii. The Team Official must ensure that any yellow or red cards attributed to players on their Team have been done so correctly.
  - iii. If a Team Official believes that a player has been mistakenly identified on the score card 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.
  - iv. 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.
  - v. The determination made by a Venue Manager is final and binding on all parties.
  - vi. 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.
  - vii. 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
  - i. The KCDC 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.
  - ii. The KCDC 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
  - i. The KCDC will issue suspensions solely based on the Incident Report received from the Match Officials and in accordance with the Table of Offences.
  - ii. The KCDC 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
  - i. The KCDC may consider Incident Reports submitted by the nominated team contact and the KCOC Tournament Director or his / her appointee.
  - ii. The KCDC may consider Incident Reports submitted by a member of the Venue Workforce.



- iii. The KCDC will issue suspensions based on such Incident Reports and in accordance with the Table of Offences.
  - iv. The KCDC may request additional information when considering such cases.
  - v. The KCDC 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
- i. A Participant may appeal the disciplinary sanction imposed by the KCDC (and set out in a Notice of Suspension) by lodging the [McDonald's Kanga Cup Appeals Form](#) within 4 hours of the team contact receiving the Notice of Suspension.
  - ii. 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 [McDonald's Kanga Cup Appeals Form](#). A copy of the receipt confirming payment of the appeal fee must accompany the lodgement of the [McDonald's Kanga Cup Appeals Form](#).
  - iii. Except in the case of obvious error, there is no appeal from a minimum match suspension.
  - iv. 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.
  - v. 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 KCAC that the circumstances of an incident leading to a suspension were exceptional, such that the suspension imposed would be clearly and demonstrably excessive.
  - vi. An appeal against a decision of the KCDC will be heard by the KCAC. When determining any appropriate sanction, the KCAC 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.
  - vii. If a Participant wishes to appeal a suspension, the Participant must submit the [McDonald's Kanga Cup Appeals Form](#) along with the following documentation within four (4) hours of team official receiving notification
    - 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;
    - Pay the appeal fee of \$750 into the bank account of the KCOC (as nominated by the KCOC Tournament Director or his / her appointee);
    - A copy of the receipt confirming payment of the appeal fee;
    - Video or photo evidence and/or signed written statements by other witnesses.
  - viii. 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.

- ix. The KCAC 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.
- x. After considering the evidence, the KCAC will decide whether the appeal is to be rejected or upheld (in whole or in part).
- xi. If the KCAC rejects the appeal, the original decision set out in the Notice of Suspension applies.
- xii. If the KCAC 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.

### **1.15 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 one (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 one (1) match suspension at their next Match.
- e. A Match suspension applies to a Participant in relation to all football activities (i.e. as a player and as a team official).
- f. Club and Teams Officials are responsible for ensuring the Participant correctly and fully serves any Suspension.
- g. 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

TABLE A - FIXED PENALTIES FOR PLAYER OFFENCES			
Offence Number	Offence Code	Offence	Minimum Sanction
1	R4 or R5	Denying the opposition team an obvious goal scoring opportunity	The Mandatory Match Suspension
2	R6	Use of offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures	The Mandatory Match Suspension
3	R1	Serious Foul Play (e.g. when challenging for the ball)	The Mandatory Match Suspension
4	R6	Serious Unsporting Conduct	The Mandatory Match Suspension
5	R2	Assault on a Player (e.g. violent conduct when not challenging for the ball)	The Mandatory Match Suspension plus 1 additional match
6	R6	Use of discriminatory language and/or gestures, including racist, religious, ethnic or sexist	The Mandatory Match Suspension plus 4 additional matches
7	R3	Biting or spitting at a Player, Club Official or spectator	The Mandatory Match Suspension plus 5 additional matches
8	R2 or R6	Inciting a brawl	The Mandatory Match Suspension plus 5 additional matches
Specific Offences Against a Match Official			
9	R6	Use of offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures against a match official	The Mandatory Match Suspension
10	R6	Unsporting conduct toward a match official	The Mandatory Match Suspension plus 3 additional matches
11	R2	Assault of a match official	6 months including the Mandatory Match Suspension
12	R3	Biting or 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 Tournament is 2 matches.

**TABLE B - FIXED PENALTIES FOR TEAM OFFICIAL OFFENCES**

<b>Offence Number</b>	<b>Grading Guidelines Offences</b>	<b>Minimum Sanctions</b>
1	Use of offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures	The Mandatory Match Suspension
2	Entering the field of play to interfere with play or an opposing Player	The Mandatory Match Suspension
3	Deliberately leaving the Technical Area to act in a provocative or inflammatory manner or enter the opposing Technical Area in an aggressive or confrontational manner	The Mandatory Match Suspension
4	Deliberately throwing/ kicking an object onto the field of play	The Mandatory Match Suspension
5	Delaying the restart of play by the opposing team (e.g. holding onto the ball, kicking the ball away, obstructing the movement of a Player)	The Mandatory Match Suspension
6	Assault on a Player, Team Official, spectator or any other person other than a Match Official (including physical or aggressive behaviour to such individuals)	The Mandatory Match Suspension plus 1 additional match
7	Use of discriminatory language and/or gestures, including racist, religious, ethnic or sexist	The Mandatory Match Suspension plus 4 additional matches
8	Biting or spitting at a Player, Team Official or any other person other than a Match Official	The Mandatory Match Suspension plus 5 additional matches
<b>Specific Offences Against a Match Official</b>		
9	Use of offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures against a Match Official	The Mandatory Match Suspension
10	Deliberately leaving the Technical Area or entering the field of play to confront a Match Official (including to show dissent towards or remonstrate with a Match Official)	The Mandatory Match Suspension
11	Unsporting conduct toward a Match Official	The Mandatory Match Suspension plus 3 additional matches
12	Assault of a Match Official	6 months including the Mandatory Match Suspension
13	Biting or spitting at a Match Official	12 months including the Mandatory Match Suspension

## **ANNEXURE 2: MCDONALD'S KANGA CUP SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **TOURNAMENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

This code of behaviour is applicable to all players, referees, coaches, managers and officials registered and involved in the McDonald's Kanga Cup competitions. Any breach to this Code of Conduct will be subject to disciplinary action by the McDonald's Kanga Cup Disputes & Disciplinary Committee and Capital Football. By signing this document, you are agreeing to the conditions on behalf of your team.

- a) All players, coaches, managers and club officials are to play the game in a spirit of fair play, accepting of the referee's decision and abiding by the Laws of the Game.
- b) All players, coaches, managers and club officials must not, during the course of, or after a match, under the jurisdiction of Capital Football, abuse or address a Referee or Assistant Referee in an insulting or offensive manner.
- c) All players, coaches, managers, club officials and referees must not engage in violent acts, verbal abuse, offensive language or behaviour, or acts likely to incite others, including spectators. To engage in such behaviour or any other conduct is detrimental to the spirit and image of the game.
- d) All players, coaches, managers, officials and referees at all times must, while under the control of McDonald's Kanga Cup fixtures, act, dress and behave in public in a manner which does not bring the game or the McDonald's Kanga Cup into disrepute.
- e) All players, coaches, managers, club officials or referees shall not, at any time, make any comment in any publication, whether written, televised or broadcast, which is detrimental to the interests, welfare or image of the McDonald's Kanga Cup and Capital Football.
- f) All players, coaches, managers, club officials or referees shall not, at any time, utilise the image rights of players, officials, referees, spectators, staff and other people that are in the vicinity of authorised McDonald's Kanga Cup activities for whatever purpose without the permission of those whose image is taken.
- g) All managers, coaches and club officials will endeavour to control the behaviour of team supporters to accord with the general principles of the Code of Conduct as detailed herein.
- h) All participants at all times must comply with any reasonable direction, given by any McDonald's Kanga Cup official at any of the playing venues, in respect to behaviour at a match, keeping the playing field clear and in endeavouring to assist officials in maintaining control of spectators and players.

Failure to comply with all or part of the McDonald's Kanga Cup Code of Conduct will be subject to disciplinary as determined by Capital Football or the McDonald's Kanga Cup Disputes & Disciplinary Committee.