

2024 GDT – Grievance, Disciplinary and Tribunal By-Law 11

Change	Supporting Detail	Explanation
<i>Section 3.1 (g)</i>	<p>Addition of wording around FV Match Officials reports being facts of events for the purposes of Misconduct Investigations.</p> <p>This language is consistent with later wording dealing with the same matter in the Tribunal section.</p>	Supporting FV Match Officials in their reporting of misconduct and places greater weight on neutral perspective of Referees.
<i>Section 3.2(d)</i>	Addition of reference to discipline history as a factor that may be considered when determining whether to issue an offence.	For clarification only, noting that the Tribunal and Misconduct history are already factors.
<i>Section 4.3 (h)</i>	Change to “sin bin” rules regarding receipt of YC/RC during dismissal period.	Alignment to IFAB requirements.
<i>Section 4.4 (b)</i>	Player must serve their suspension in the competition where 10th YC received following a Y10 with a 5/5 split of where these were accrued, or most recent competition in circumstances where a player receives a Y15 (5/5/5).	Provides clarity on which competition a player must serve their suspension in should they receive a Y10 with a 5/5 split in two separate competitions.
<i>Section 4.4(b)</i>	NPLM (Senior & U23), VPLM 1 & 2 (Senior & U23), NPLW (Senior & U20) Clubs are now responsible for enforcement of Y5/Y10/Y15 suspensions regardless of notifications from FV.	<p>Onus and responsibility now rests on NPL Clubs to record yellow card information regardless of FV process.</p> <p>Additional note added to clarify the process of disputing the issuing of YC.</p>

	<p>Should a player/coach participate once having reached Y5/Y10/Y15 (without FV suspension notification) they will be deemed ineligible for the fixture.</p> <p>FV will continue to monitor and maintain Yellow Card Register for these Competitions to aid application of this rule.</p>	
<i>Section 4.9(f)</i>	<p>Misconduct Penalties & RC's for behavioural offences issued against players under the age of 12 to undergo related Education course with Parent/Guardian/Coach. This will be accompanied by a 1-Match Penalty (for Behavioural offences only).</p>	<p>Provide education at a young age to attempt to deter negative behaviour patterns across a playing career.</p>
<i>Section 4.9(h)-(i)</i>	<p>GDT Team provided authority to refer to Tribunal or revise Red Card grading upwards following submission of new evidence in relation to misconduct reports.</p>	<p>Ability only to upgrade RC suspensions when clear evidence disproves or contradicts the Referee-submitted misconduct report, on which original suspension was based.</p>
<i>Section 4.11 (c)</i>	<p>Clause regarding RC offences found not proven added.</p>	<p>Element of common sense regarding RC's found not proven at Tribunal.</p> <p>Removes the injustice of additional match suspensions for offences which are found not guilty at Tribunal.</p>
<i>Section 5.5</i>	<p>Tribunal extended the authority to deduct point(s) from any team within a Club for Misconduct Offences which may have been issued.</p> <p>Furthermore, GDT Team may refer Clubs to Tribunal if multiple teams within the same Club are charged with Misconduct Offences during the same season under MP10 (as opposed to only referring in cases where the same specific team committed multiple offences throughout the same season).</p>	<p>Increased impact of sanctions which ought to encourage Clubs to act regarding improvement of behaviour across all teams.</p>

<p><i>Section 5.6 (b) (plus amendment to definition of Tribunal Referral, 4.13(d) and Red Card Referral form)</i></p>	<p>New mechanism for appealing eligibility decisions under the Rules of Competition.</p> <p>This is cross referred to in the Rules of Competition with the mechanism drafted so as to mirror a Tribunal Referral process. In this way, Clubs can appeal to Tribunal by completing the form (see appendix including fee variations). They can then Appeal that Tribunal decision if so minded/permitted.</p>	<p>Appeal mechanism per instruction from Board.</p>
<p><i>Section 5.7 (i)</i></p>	<p>Recommended penalties will now mandate Child Safeguarding education to adults who commit Misconduct offences involving a Junior Club Associate (under the age of 18).</p>	<p>Education provided to help prevent repeat offences and promote safe environment for youth participants.</p>
<p><i>Section 6.1</i></p>	<p>Various changes to wording regarding suspensions.</p> <p>Introduction of a mandatory Ground Ban for offences with a recommended penalty of 8 matches or more. Further changes regarding the increased severity of suspensions where participants breach an initial (less significant) sanction.</p>	<p>Changes are designed to reflect a stronger punishment for more serious offences.</p> <p>Common sense approach applied in cases where suspensions are breached.</p>
<p><i>Section 7.8 (plus new definition and consequential changes to section 7)</i></p>	<p>Introduction of a 'Fasttrack' Tribunal option accessible to Clubs who wish to refer Red Card sanctions with written evidence only. Also included is a brief explanation regarding process.</p>	<p>Designed to expedite the Tribunal process where Clubs wish to rely on strong evidence.</p> <p>Increases cost and time efficiency of the associated processes.</p>
<p><i>Schedule 2</i></p>	<p>Increase in cost of Tribunal Request Fee to \$350</p> <p>Fasttrack fee set at \$300.</p>	<p>To reflect increase in cost of associated staffing resources.</p>

	Rules of Competition Appeal Fees set at \$1,500/\$3,000/\$5,000 for Junior Community/Senior Community/Advanced Competitions	
<i>Schedule 3</i>	Updated MP6A penalty to 11-Match Suspension to match the Red Card penalty.	To align with R4 (Red Card – Spitting).
<i>Schedule 3</i>	Addition of a MP for Offences against Match Officials which results in a 3- Match penalty.	To align with R8_1 (Auto + 2).