



**DISPUTES & DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS**

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## 1. OBJECTIVES and APPLICATION of REGULATIONS

1.1 These Disciplinary regulations apply to:

- (a) misconduct; and
- (b) any infringement of the Laws of the Game by any Player or Team Official during a match under sanction by Capital Football.

1.2 These Disciplinary Regulations are mandatory and are designed to ensure that appropriate standards of behaviour are upheld on the field of play in a consistent manner across the ACT competitions and in compliance with FIFA Statutes and FFA National Disciplinary Regulations.

1.3 All matches must be conducted and officiated in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

1.4 The following procedures apply to the following Capital Football competitions: Men's League, Women's League, Junior League and Futsal League and should be used in conjunction with the relative Leagues' Competition Rules. These procedures may also apply to other competitions administered by Capital Football.

## 2. DEFINITIONS & INTERPRETATION

In these Disciplinary Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall mean-

**Additional Suspension** means any Suspension in addition to an Automatic Suspension.

**Automatic Suspension** means a one match Suspension which cannot be reviewed or challenged (unless in cases of proven mistaken identity).

**Club** means a Club registered with FFA and/or Capital Football.

**Club Associate(s)** means one or more of the following, whether individually or collectively:

- (a) Club Office Bearers;
- (b) Club Officials (coach, team manager, anyone who is officially associated with the Club).
- (c) Players of a Club;
- (d) Members of a Club;
- (e) Club(s).

**Competition season** means any series of competitive matches determined by Capital Football but does not include a Finals Series.

**Exceptional Circumstances** means circumstances operating at the time of the Offence and relating to the commission of the Offence and not to the impact a sanction may have on the Participant. Without limitation, the following are not Exceptional Circumstances:

- (a) the significance or importance to the Participant or his Club of the Match in which the Offence was committed;
- (b) the significance or importance of any match or tournament in which the Participant will be ineligible to participate because of the imposition of a sanction within the Range at the Table of Offences;
- (c) the point in the Match at which the Offence was committed;
- (d) the conduct, including actions, words or gestures of any Participant of the opposing team during or related to the Match; and
- (e) any disciplinary decision taken or failure to take a disciplinary decision by a Match Official during the Match.

**Finals Series** a series of finals matches as designated by Capital Football.

**Fine** shall mean an amount in as determined by Capital Football or the Tribunal.

**Fixed Penalty Offence** means anyone of the offences set out in Schedule 1 or Schedule 2

**Fixed Penalty System** means the system set out in clause 6.

**FFA National Disciplinary Regulations** means the current National Disciplinary Regulations as administered by Football Federation Australia.

**Form** means any of the forms set out in Schedule 4.

**League Manager** means the manager for the appropriate League.

**LOTG** means the Laws of the Game.

**Match** means any game of Football conducted by or under the control of Capital Football.

**Match Official** means a referee or an assistant referee (or if no referee or assistant referee has been appointed or officiates at a match any person designated by Capital Football or the appropriate League Regulations as a Match Official).

**Misconduct** shall mean any act or omission by a Club Associate or a Match Official which constitutes:

- (a) a breach of the FIFA Statutes and Regulations;
- (b) a breach of the FFA Statutes, Regulations, By-Law, policy or code of conduct which may be in place from time to time;
- (c) a breach of clause 4.1 of the Football Federation of Australia National Disciplinary Regulations;
- (d) a breach of a Capital Football By-Law, regulation, code of conduct or policy unless such By-Law, regulation, code of conduct or policy contains a provision or provisions for dealing with any breach thereof;
- (e) a breach of Capital Football's Rules of Competition;
- (f) participating, assisting or arranging the participation or assistance of others in any match fixing, gambling or betting activities in relation to a Match;
- (g) in the opinion of Capital Football, conduct which is or may be prejudicial to the interests of the game of Football in the Australian Capital Territory or to Capital Football or any of its sponsors;
- (h) in the opinion of Capital Football, conduct which is or may bring the game into disrepute as defined at Schedule 3.

**Misconduct Fixed Penalty** means a penalty determined by Capital Football in accordance with part 3 of Schedule 2

**Offence against a Match Official** means one of the offences set

**Player** has the same meaning as in rule 17.1 of the Football Federation Australia National Disciplinary Regulations.

**Red Card** means a send off offence under Law 12 of the Laws of the Game.

**Relevant Team** means any team or teams which the Club Associate represents (whether formally or informally) or with which the Club Associate is connected in any way as determined by Capital Football.

**Standing Advisory Committee** means the advisory committee for the appropriate League.

**Suspension** shall have the meaning set out in these Disputes and Disciplinary Regulations and includes an Automatic Suspension and an Additional Suspension. For the avoidance of doubt:

- (a) The imposition of an Automatic Suspension is immediate;
- (b) Unless otherwise specified by a League Manager or by a Disciplinary Committee, a player must serve that suspension (and any Additional Suspension) in the next following match(es) in which his or her team participates;
- (c) Subject to any other arrangement ratified by Capital Football after consultation with Premier League Clubs relating to matches involving the Australian Institute of Sport and the suspension of Australian Institute of Sport players any **Automatic Suspension or an Additional Suspension imposed in terms of matches** imposed on a player participating in:
  - (i) eleven-a-side football only affects that player's participation in eleven-a-side football;
  - (ii) futsal only affects that player's participation in futsal; or
  - (iii) participation in any other Capital Football sanctioned competition or match.

- (d) Subject to (c) any **Automatic Suspension or an Additional Suspension** affects a player's participation in the competition administered by Capital Football until the suspension has been served in the competition and grade in which the offence occurred.

**Tribunal** means the Disciplinary Committee established by these Regulations.

Headings are for convenience or reference only.

### **3. MISCONDUCT**

Any Club Associate may be charged by the League Manager and/or Standing Advisory Committee of Capital Football, on the basis of evidence placed before him/her, with bringing Capital Football into disrepute. Any such charge shall be heard within 10 working days of being laid in accordance with FFA Code of Conduct Regulations, which if a finding is proved may impose a penalty in accordance with the FFA Code of Conduct Regulations.

### **4. BREACH OF THE LAWS OF THE GAME**

4.1 Any breach of the Laws of the Game by a Player which takes place after the Match Official enters the field of play and before the Match Official reaches the change room at the completion of play may result in the imposition of any or all of:

- a) a caution (**Yellow Card**), as defined in clause 5.1;
- b) an expulsion (**Red Card**), as defined in clauses 6.1 (a) and (b);

on a Player in accordance with the provisions of these Disciplinary Regulations.

### **5. ACCUMULATION OF YELLOW CARDS– MANDATORY MATCH SUSPENSIONS**

5.1 *Yellow Card Offences* - A Yellow Card is a warning from a Match Official to a Player in respect of unsporting behaviour of a less serious nature (Law 12 of the Laws of the Game) and shall be given in respect of the conduct set out in Part 1 of Schedule 1.

5.2 There shall be no appeal against the receiving of a Yellow Card from a Match Official. A Yellow Card awarded by a Match Official may be rescinded by the Match Official or by the League Manager when there is a clear case of mistaken identity.

5.3 After an individual player has received four (4) Yellow Cards the player shall serve a one (1) fixture suspension. There shall be no appeal against a one (1) fixture suspension after receiving four (4) Yellow Cards.

5.4 The following table sets out the penalties for the Accumulation of Yellow Cards.

No of Accumulated Yellow Cards	Match Suspension
4	1
7	2
10	3

5.5 Any suspension(s) shall be served by the player in the grade for which he was playing at the time the player received their fourth (4th), seventh (7th) or tenth (10th) yellow card, and at the same time, the player shall not be allowed to take part in any game in any other division, grade or team during the period of their suspension.

5.6 Capital Football will notify a Player's Club of any Suspension under this clause by 12.00pm on the day prior to the next Match in which the Player's team or Club is scheduled to play.

### **FINAL SERIES CAUTIONS**

## 5.7

(i) Any player receiving two (2) cautions in the Final Series shall automatically stand down the next fixture. If the players' team/club has completed its final series commitments they do not have to stand down a match in the following season.

(ii) For the Federation Cup the two (2) caution rule will apply in each stage, round robin and finals (QF, SF & GF) and cards will not carry over between stages.

## 6. RED CARD OFFENCES

6.1 (a) A Red Card may be issued by a Match Official against a Player who engages in any one or more of the types of conduct set out in Schedule 1.

(b) If a Player is given two Yellow Cards during Match Time in the same Match that person shall be given a Red Card which shall replace the two Yellow Cards which gave rise to it.

(c) If a Player is given a Red Card during Match Time under sub clause (a), any other Yellow Card which that Player has previously received in Match Time remains in place.

(d) Subject to this By-Law, a Player who is given a Red Card:

(i) must leave the field of play and its surroundings, including the substitute's bench during a Match.

(ii) shall receive:

a) an Automatic Suspension; and

b) a Fixed Penalty in accordance with this clause 6; and/or

(iii) depending on the grading of the offence, the matter may be referred to the Tribunal; and

(e) The following additional penalties will apply (in addition to the automatic suspension) for a player that receives more than one Red Card in the same Competition season, regardless of the competition or league or Club in which it is received or whether it is in a Finals Series. . The Additional Suspension cannot be appealed and must be served immediately after the Automatic Suspension.

Number of Red Cards during season	Additional Penalty (Matches)
2	1
3	2
4	3
5	4

### ***Fixed Penalty System***

6.2 (a) Red Cards given in a Match are governed by the Fixed Penalty System. The relevant League Manager shall act according to the fixed penalty system and may refer any offence to the Disciplinary Committee.

(b) In addition to clause 6.3 any Player who receives a Red Card in a Match shall be subject to the sanctions set out in Schedule 2 depending on the grading of the offence in accordance with the guidelines set out in Schedule 2.

6.3 A Player who has received a Red Card in respect of any conduct more specifically set out in Schedule 1 other than the following:

a) R4

b) R5

c) R7 or

d) any offence which requires the matter to go to the Tribunal

may plead guilty to the Red Card which will result in a one match reduction of the applicable Fixed Penalty provided the Player or their Club has notified Capital Football in writing of the Player's guilty plea within two (2) working days of notification of the Red Card by Capital Football.

***Tribunal Request against Red Card***

6.4 A Player who has received a Red Card (other than in respect of an offence referred to in clause 6.2(a)-(d) may choose not to accept the Red Card in which case a completed Disciplinary Committee Request Form as set out in Schedule 4 and any applicable Fee must be lodged with Capital Football by 1.00pm no more than two (2) days following notification of the Red Card.

6.5 Upon receipt of a Disciplinary Committee Request Form Capital Football shall convene a Tribunal to hear the matter as soon as practicable.

6.6 Notwithstanding the lodging of a Tribunal Request Form, until the Tribunal has determined the matter a Player must serve all applicable Suspensions.

**7. DISPUTES AND DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS – RULES AND REGULATIONS**

7.1 A quorum of up to three members may be selected from a Panel by the League Manager as required to serve as a Disciplinary Committee, subject to Part V of the FFA Statutes (Judicial Bodies and Disciplinary Sanctions).

7.2 Disciplinary Committee members shall be asked to serve with the proviso that:

- (a) No person shall serve on a Disciplinary Committee hearing a matter which his/her club has an interest
- (b) No club shall have more than one representative on a given Disciplinary Committee.

7.3 The League Manager may appoint one of the three members to act as chair. The Disciplinary Committee shall:

- (a) Investigate and determine any matter arising from the conduct of a match or a referee's report, which involves players' misconduct.
- (b) Inquire into and resolve matters constituting or pertaining to breaches of the appropriate League Regulations that are its business by virtue of those Regulations or that are referred to it by a Standing Advisory Committee
- (c) Inquire into and resolve any other matter referred to it by a Standing Advisory Committee.
- (d) Disciplinary Committee Hearings shall not be bound by the rules of evidence usually applicable to proceedings in a court of law, but all hearings must be conducted in accord with the principles of natural justice including that the offender has had:
  - i. Reasonable and sufficient detail of the alleged misconduct; and
  - ii. The opportunity to be heard and to make submissions in relation to the alleged misconduct infringement and the sanction imposed.
  - iii. Any witness that a party intends to call to give evidence in a hearing must remain outside the hearing room until called to give evidence.
  - iv. Facts contained in any Match Official's Report are presumed to be accurate.
- (e) Conduct proceedings with as little formality and technicality, and with as much expedition, as the requirements of these Disciplinary Regulations and a proper consideration of the matters before the Disciplinary Committee permit; and Record its findings and publish its decision as soon as practicable after the completion of any proceedings.

7.4 When determining any appropriate sanction, a Disciplinary Committee may consider:

- (a) the nature and severity of the infringement;
- (b) the fixed penalty for the infringement;
- (c) the offender's proven past record and whether or not this is a repeated Offence;
- (d) the culpability of the offender (including whether or not the infringement was intentional, negligent or reckless);
- (e) any reasons prompting the offender to commit an infringement;
- (f) the remorse of the offender; and
- (g) any Exceptional Circumstances.

7.5 Subject to this clause 6 at that hearing the Tribunal shall have no power to remove a Red Card and may:

- (a) make a finding that the offence has not been proven in which case it may remove any Additional Suspension that may have been imposed.
- (b) make a finding that the offence has been proven in which case the Tribunal may, in its discretion, increase the Fixed Penalty or impose any additional sanctions on the Player as it sees fit.
- (c) 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 relevant Fixed Penalty shall be applied and, if the Tribunal in its discretion sees fit, it may increase that Fixed Penalty or impose any additional sanctions.

7.6 A determination of the Disciplinary Committee must be a majority decision of the Committee.

7.7 The Disciplinary Committee may, in hearing any protest, appeal or other matter referred to it, call before it any Match Official, Club Associate, player or other person involved in the matter, and shall hear evidence from those persons. Match Official's can however only be called to give evidence, in person, with the consent of the Referees Standing Advisory Committee. A party may attend in person or by phone.

7.8 A player failing to appear before the Disciplinary Committee after being directed to do so by the League Manager will have the matter heard by the Disciplinary Committee in his/her absence.

7.9 Other persons wishing to appear at a hearing of the Disciplinary Committee may do so only with the consent of the Chair of the Disciplinary Committee, which must be sought prior to the commencement of the hearing.

7.10 A Standing Advisory Committee may appoint sub-committees to examine and report on any specific matter referred to it by Capital Football or any member club of Capital Football, which is outside the mandate of the Disciplinary Committee.

7.11 No player, or Club Associate may be represented at a hearing of the Disciplinary Committee by legal counsel unless prior approval is sought and granted by the Chair.

7.12 The Chair of a hearing before the Disciplinary Committee may require parties appearing before the Committee to arrive at and depart from the hearing venue and according to a time schedule designed to avoid confrontation and require associates of such parties who are not appearing to leave the vicinity of the hearing if their presence is deemed to be potentially intimidating.

7.13 When determining any appropriate sanction, the Disciplinary Committee or Advisory Committee shall consider:

- (a) The minimum recommended penalties as specified in National Disciplinary Regulations; and
- (b) The matters referred to at clause 6.5 of these Disciplinary Regulations.

7.14 Capital Football will publish the decisions of the Disciplinary Committee on its website as soon as practicable and such publication shall constitute notification of the Disciplinary Committee's decision.

## **8. MEDIATION**

8.1 In relation to any alleged Misconduct, Capital Football may require a Club Associate to attend a meeting with Capital Football and an independent person who shall act as a mediator for the purpose of attempting to reach agreement as to how such allegations are to be dealt with.

8.2 Such meeting shall be conducted on a without prejudice basis and the mediator shall have no power to impose any decision on any of the parties.

8.3 A failure by a Capital Football Club Associate to attend such a meeting when requested without reasonable excuse shall amount to Misconduct.

8.4 Unless agreement is reached at such a meeting and recorded in writing and signed by the parties in the form set out in Schedule 3, Capital Football may in its complete discretion, decide to refer the allegations of Misconduct to the Tribunal.

## **9. USE OF VIDEO EVIDENCE**

9.1 Visual aids (video, films, etc) to support or question a Match Official's report regarding an offence punishable by expulsion may be used only to verify the player's identity.

9.2 Audiovisual evidence is to be used solely as additional proof in disciplinary cases.

9.3 Decisions of fact made by Match Official's are final and not subject to appeal and shall not be modified on the basis of video recordings (e.g. offside, penalty, goals, etc.).

9.4 Decisions must be based principally on the reports of the Match Official's.

9.5 Video recordings shall not be used as a means of restricting the authority and discretionary power of the Match Official's, but only as the most accurate way of investigating the truth when disciplinary action is required.

9.6 Such film evidence may also be referred to, if further sanctions are to be imposed on the guilty player.

## **10. PROTESTS AND APPEALS**

10.1 Where a club, player, or Club Associate seeks to Appeal a decision of the Disciplinary Committee they must:

- (a) Lodge a notice on club letterhead stating full details of the appeal and grounds for such within 5 working days of formal notification of a determination of a Disciplinary Committee. No protest or appeal shall fail solely on the ground that it was not lodged on time if the Appeals Committee is satisfied that there is a reasonable explanation for the delay or that the delay is not the fault of the complainant or appellants.
- (b) Lodge the Appeal fee to the League Manager when lodging the notice of appeal, which shall be \$330.00.

10.2 Where the appeal or protest concerns a penalty that involves suspension of a player or Club Associate, the suspension over and above the mandatory suspension will be deferred pending the outcome of the appeal or protest. However, if the appeal or protest is judged to have been without merit, or designed to delay the serving of a suspension, the player, Club Associate and/or their club may be subject to additional penalties as the appropriate Disciplinary Committee deems fit.

10.3 Where action is initiated against a club or a player or Club Associate the League Manager shall:

(a) Formally advise the club(s) concerned within five working days that a complaint has been received.

(b) Make available to the club(s) full details of that complaint as lodged by the complainant.

(c) Advise the date and time of the hearing and the right of the club(s) to attend the hearing and/or forward a written submission.

10.4 Any supporting documentation that a club wishes the Appeals Committee to consider in relation to a protest or appeal must be provided at least three working days before the scheduled date of the hearing.

10.5 In addition to determining any appeal or protest, the Appeals Committee shall rule, having regard to its assessment of the merits of the appeal and the motives of the appellant, on whether the appeal fee shall be forfeited or refunded, in part or full.

10.6 The Appeals Committee may confirm, reduce, rescind or increase any penalty appealed against, shall advise the club of its decision and the date of effect of any remaining suspension within three working days of the Appeals Committee hearing.

10.7 A decision of the Appeals Committee on an appeal may be subject to further appeal by any affected party to the Protest & Disputes Committee and shall be accompanied by a fee of \$330-00.

10.8 An appeal to the Appeals Committee shall be lodged, processed, heard and determined as if it was an appeal to the Disciplinary Committee, with all relevant Regulations applying.

10.9 Appeals to an Appeals Committee shall be chaired by a person who has not been party to a previous determination on the matter under appeal. If the Chair meets this requirement, they shall occupy the chair. Otherwise they shall nominate a qualified Standing Advisory Committee member to chair the hearing.

10.10 Disciplinary Committee members who were not involved in the hearing of a matter the subject of appeal shall be eligible to sit on an Appeals Committee.

10.11 A decision or determination made by the Appeals Committee may only be appealed to the Protest & Disputes Committee.

(a) The Directors of Capital Football shall establish a Protests and Disputes Committee hereafter referred to as "the P & D Committee".

(b) Appeals against any decision made by the Appeals Committee can only be made based on new evidence not heard or shown at the Appeals Committee hearing. At the same time, the player or Club Associate shall not be allowed to take part in any fixture in any division until such appeal has been heard.

(c) The lodgement of such an appeal to the Protest and Appeals Committee shall be subject to all conditions, including timelines and fees that are applicable to conditions for the lodgement of appeals as detailed in these procedures.

- (d) The P & D Committee shall consist of three (3) members, including the Chairperson, all of whom shall be current Directors of Capital Football or, where applicable, nominated independent individuals as agreed by the Board, under the Chairmanship of the Vice President.
- (e) Before any appeal is heard by the P & D Committee, the appellant and/or all other parties involved must, in writing, agree to be bound by the decision.
- (f) The P & D Committee hearing any appeal may dismiss or allow in whole or in part such appeal and substitute its own decision and/or finding to that made by the Disciplinary Committee, or the Appeals Committee.
- (g) The decision on all matters coming before it shall not be subject to any direction or confirmation by the Directors.
- (h) The P & D Committee may determine to what amount, if any, of the Appeals Fee may be refunded if the determination by the Committee is only partially in favour of the appellant.
- (i) Where the Decision by the P & D Committee is fully in favour of the appellant, the Appeals Fee will be repaid in full. Where an appellant is only appealing the severity of the sentence and is not contesting their guilt or innocence, the appeal money will not be refunded.
- (j) Notice of all appeals shall be lodged in writing with the Chief Executive Officer.
- (k) The decision of the P & D Committee on any matter appealed to it shall be final.

## **11. TEAM OFFICIALS – MANDATORY MATCH SUSPENSIONS**

11.1 A Club Associate (other than a player) who has been expelled from the field of play by a Match Official must serve a **mandatory** one (1) match suspension and may be referred by the League Manager to the Disciplinary Committee. Any repeat offence shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee'.

11.2 A Club Associate charged with Bringing the Game into Disrepute in accordance with Schedule 3 shall be subject to the following mandatory sanctions;

- 1st Offence Written warning plus \$100 fine
- 2nd Offence Club \$250 fine plus sanction
- 3rd Offence Club \$500 fine plus sanction

11.3 Any further offences over and above the mandatory sanctions shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee for appropriate action.

11.4 For the purpose of these regulations additional offences must occur in the same season.

## **SCHEDULE 1 - OFFENCES**

### **Part 1**

#### **YELLOW CARD 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.

### **Part 2**

#### **DIRECT RED CARD**

**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.

**SCHEDULE TWO - FIXED PENALTIES BY OFFENCE**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Offence</b>	<b>Grading Guidelines Offences (in order of seriousness from least to most)</b>	<b>Penalty/ No. Matches/ Further action (against a player by a player)</b>
<b>R1</b>	<b>Serious Foul Play</b>	Tackle endangering an opponent e.g., over the ball tackle or tackle from behind not trying to play the ball	Auto plus one match
		Elbow to the face in contest for the ball	Auto plus Tribunal
		Deliberate head butt in contest for the ball	Auto plus Tribunal
<b>R2</b>	<b>Violent Conduct</b>	Attempts to kick or strike	Auto plus one match
		Throws to the ground or up against an object or fixture or rugby style tackle	Auto plus two matches
		Violent charge or body contact	Auto plus two matches
		Strikes with the ball or other object	Auto plus three matches
		Kicks, strikes, elbows, jumps or stomps on other than in the head	Auto plus three matches
		Holds by the throat or genitals	Auto plus four matches
		Kicks, strikes, elbows, jumps or stomps on/at the head making contact, including head butting	Auto plus Tribunal
		Any other more serious offence	Auto plus Tribunal
<b>R3</b>	Spitting at an opponent or any other person	Spits at a person not hitting the person	Auto plus two matches
		Spits on a person making contact	Auto plus four matches
		Spits in the face of a person or at a match official	Auto plus Tribunal
<b>R4</b>	Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball	Nil	Auto

R5	Denying 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	Nil	Auto
R6	Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures	Swearing at / or offensive gestures directed at a player	Auto plus two matches
		Swearing at / or offensive gestures directed at a match official (including calling the referee a cheat).	Auto plus Tribunal
		Discriminatory, racist, religious, ethnic or sexist remark and/or gesture	Auto plus Tribunal
		Threaten by word or action	Auto plus Tribunal
R7	Receiving a second caution in the same match	Nil	Auto

## **SCHEDULE 3 – DETERMINATIONS BRINGING THE GAME INTO DISREPUTE**

1. For the purposes of these Disciplinary Regulations a charge of “Bringing the Game into Disrepute” shall be considered as a charge of “misconduct or of behaviour prejudicial to the interests of the game” when referring to disciplinary procedures, penalties and other disciplinary matters.

2. In addition failure to comply with any of the following specific directions shall also be an offence and shall be deemed as “Bringing the Game into Disrepute”:

### **Conflicting Sponsorship**

No participating club shall grant approval to any player or club official of that club for any individual sponsorship agreements with any company or products which conflict with the aims and objectives of Capital Football, FFA or its sponsors.

### **Detrimental Statements – Match Officials**

Players and Club Officials shall not make any detrimental statement to the public or the media in respect to the performance of any Match officials.

### **Detrimental Statements – Capital Football Policy**

Players and Club Officials shall not make detrimental public statements in respect of any policy decisions of Capital Football.

### **Detrimental Statements – Sponsorship**

Players and Club Officials shall not make any public statements detrimental to the image of the sponsors of Capital Football and its members.

### **Wearing of Detrimental Logos, etc**

Players and Club Officials shall not wear any apparel bearing any insignia, logo, or sponsorship message, which knowingly may be detrimental to the image of the sponsors of Capital Football and its members.

### **Inciting of Violence**

Players and Club Officials shall not do anything by act or omission, which in the normal course of events is likely to incite spectators to violence or other acts of disorder.

### **Disobey Reasonable Direction**

Players and Club Officials shall accept and obey all reasonable directions from Match Officials, Ground Officials, members of the relevant Standing Committee or Capital Football Staff and Board Members.

### **Comments on Committee Matters, etc**

Players and Club Officials shall not make any statements to the media in respect to any matters set down for hearing at any Committee, Disputes Committee or Committee of inquiry and shall include Appeals in respect to the decisions of these Committees and Committees.

### **Financial Obligations**

Any club who without reasonable cause fails to meet their financial obligations to Capital Football.

### **Inducement to Act Contrary to the Rules**

Any player or club official who induces any player or any official to act contrary to the provisions of the Men’s, Women’s & Junior League Rules and Regulations or By-Laws, or Articles of Association of Capital Football and FFA shall be deemed to have brought the Game into disrepute.

**SCHEDULE 4 - FORMS**