



# Women's Premier League Regulations

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### A. PURPOSE

Maintain a consistent Women's Premier League (WPL) Competition formed by Clubs from the Blacktown District Soccer Football Association (BDSFA), Granville District Soccer Football Association (GDSFA) and Hills Football Association (HFI) for members to compete in a competitive environment and be the highest grade of football for Women within the BDSFA, GDSFA and HFI competitions.

### B. AUTHORITY

The WPL competition will be managed by the WPLSC. Each association's competition manager and each association shall delegate authority to this subcommittee. The WPLSC may provide recommendations to the three boards if changes to this document is required. Decisions by the WPLSC should be made with a minimum of six votes out of nine and decisions made by the associations shall be two votes out of three votes.

### C. SCOPE

These regulations are binding on all Associations, Clubs, Playing Members, Coaching Members and Referees competing in the WPL.

### D. DEFINITIONS

*Abandoned* means a match that has commenced but have been stopped and not completed due to serious incidents such as a pitch invasion, violence or abuse directed at the referee, any situation compromising the safety of players or officials, or any other incident requiring review by a disciplinary tribunal

*Acting Competition Coordinator* means the Competition Manager of the Association in who is administering the Competition for that year.

*Affiliate* means being attached to the relevant Association

*Association* means the relevant Association to which that Club Affiliates

*AT* means Appeals Tribunal arising from a GPT

*Away* means the Club names second in a fixture

*BDSFA* means Blacktown District Soccer Football Association Inc.

*Board* means the managing body of either BDSFA, GDSFA or HFI

*Championship* means finals series

*Champions of Champions* means the Champions of Champions Competition administered by FNSW



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*Club* means an affiliated Club of the BDSFA, GDSFA or HFI

*Coach or Coaching Members* mean members registered to an Affiliated Club as a Coach within the WPL

*Combined Associations* means the collaboration of BDSFA, GDSFA and HFI

*Competition Manager* means the person(s) responsible for the management of Competitions in their Association

*Director* means a member of a board of either BDSFA, GDSFA or HFI

*Dribl* means the official Competition Management Program of the WPL

*Eligible Player* means a registered Player of a Club

*First Grade* means the only grade of Competition in the WPL

*FNSW* means Football New South Wales

*Force Majeure* means unforeseeable circumstances that prevent the completion of one or more Paragraphs stipulated in this Document.

*Forfeit* means to surrender a match either prior to kick off or by being reduced to six (6) or fewer Players during a match

*GDSFA* means Granville District Soccer Football Association Inc.

*GPT* means General Purpose Tribunal, or a tribunal held to determine Disciplinary matters

*HFI* means Hills Football Inc.

*Home Club* means the Club named first or on the left of the Match Sheet in a fixture

*Host Club* means the Club at which the match is being played

*Interchange* means a Player changing positions from a bench to on field

*Live Stream* means televising a match for public viewing

*Match Sheet or Electronic Match Sheet* means the official recording of the match and its events

*Media Event* means an event requiring an individual member(s) to encourage the sustainability, growth, and public knowledge of the WPL

*Members* means Players, Coaches and Volunteers involved within the WPL

*Mid-Week* means a match played on any other day except Sunday



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*Postponed* means a match or matches that have been set down for a later date due to factors such as adverse weather, a serious injury to a player or match official, an unplayable pitch, or any other circumstances beyond the control of the teams or competition officials.

*Players or Playing Members* mean members registered to an Affiliated Club playing within the WPL

*Premiership* means the season proper

*Promotional Event* means an event organised by the WPLSC to encourage the sustainability, growth, and public knowledge of the WPL

*Regulations* means this Document

*Referee* means the match official of a WPL match

*Segment* means all Clubs playing each other once

*Squad* means players from the same Club playing First Grade in the WPL

*Staff Member* means an employed person of either the BDSFA, GDSFA or HFI

*State Cup* means the FNSW State Cup administered by FNSW

*Technical Area* means the area in which all members on the match sheet must remain who are not on the field of play.

*Upgrade* means a Player from within the same Club that is registered into a lower age group/division and temporarily is named in the WPL squad on any match

*WPL* means Women's Premier League or the highest division of Women's Football for Clubs in the BDSFA, GDSFA & HFI

*WPL1* means the first division of WPL when there is more than 1 division

*WPL2* means the second division of WPL when there is more than 1 division

*WPLSC* means Women's Premier League Sub Committee



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## 1. GENERAL

- 1.1. The Combined Associations will conduct a Women's Premier League (WPL) comprising of First Grade only.
- 1.2. The WPL Sub Committee (WPLSC) will be made up of one staff member from each Association:
- 1.3. Operations for the management of the WPL will be performed via the following:
  - a) BDSFA for the 2026 Competition
  - b) HFI for the 2027 Competition
  - c) GDSFA for the 2028 Competition
- 1.4. Clubs must apply to the Association which they affiliate to. The relevant board will decide the Association representatives to compete in the WPL based on a recommendation from the WPLSC based on a criteria published at call for nominations.
- 1.5. All players must be born before:
  - a) Born before 1 January 2011 for the 2026 Competition
  - b) Born before 1 January 2012 for the 2027 Competition
  - c) Born before 1 January 2013 for the 2028 Competition
- 1.6. WPL is to have a minimum of six (6) Clubs for a Competition.
- 1.7. Nominations for WPL are due at a date and time determined by the WPLSC for the year of Competition.
- 1.8. Clubs may only enter only one squad per season.
- 1.9. Where these Regulations are silent on any aspect, then all Clubs, shall first have regard to the Football NSW & Football Australia rules and regulations and where applicable, rules and regulations of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) and the International Football Association Board (IFAB).
- 1.10. The WPLSC will interpret and apply all articles of these Regulations.
- 1.11. The WPLSC will be forwarded all relevant information relating to the WPL by the acting Competitions Coordinator. Information includes all disciplinary updates, Player of the Year votes, Golden Boot updates, tables, and any general feedback.
- 1.12. Clubs who withdraw after Nominations (see section 1.7) will incur a fine based on the Fines and Penalties (Annexure C).
- 1.13. Clubs must nominate to be part of the WPL on a yearly basis by a date determined by the WPLSC
- 1.14. Nomination forms must include the following:
  - a) Home Field Name
  - b) Home kit design
  - c) Goalkeeper Kit design
  - d) Alternative kit design



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- e) Strategic plan to develop female football in their local area.
- 1.15. In the case of a Club withdrawing from the Competition the following process will apply:
  - a) Removed or withdrawing before Competition has started: Efforts will be made to replace the Club, or the Club will be withdrawn from the division and if necessary, replaced with a "Bye".
  - b) Removed or withdrawing during the first segment of the competition: All opposing Clubs that have played the removed or withdrawn Club (for the complete first round) shall have points and goals deleted from their records and shall be credited with a bye result. Clubs that have not played the removed or withdrawn Club will obtain a Bye result.
  - c) Removed or withdrawing during the second or third segment of the competition: All points and goals acquired will be retained by opposing Clubs (for the completed segment). Points and goals acquired against such removed or withdrawn Club shall be lost and Bye results shall be credited for the second or third segment of the Competition.

### 2. SQUAD STRUCTURE

- 2.1. Clubs may nominate up to 18 Players into their squad.
- 2.2. Exemptions to Paragraph 2.1 may be made by the consent of the WPLSC.
- 2.3. Eligible Players from other age groups within their Club may be upgraded at any time during the Premiership.

### 3. PLAYING CONDITIONS

- 3.1. All matches will be played on Sunday's except in the case of Paragraph 3.5.
- 3.2. Kick off times for all Premiership matches are to be 3:00pm
- 3.3. Live Streamed matches shall be at the cost of the host Association. The fixtures will allow for live streamed matches to be as per a percentage of Clubs per Association. There shall be one (1) live streamed match per round.
- 3.4. Kick off times for Championship matches are to be determined by the acting Competition Coordinator for that season.
- 3.5. Matches played on days other than Sunday are to be played at times and locations as determined by the acting Competition Coordinator for that season.
- 3.6. When mid-week or catch-up rounds are required, game times will be at the discretion of the acting Competition Coordinator with a 14-day time frame for catch ups to be played.



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- 3.7. All reasonable efforts will be made for midweek catch up games to be played on Thursday nights at 7.30pm or 8pm. Any requests to play on other days will be as per section 17
- 3.8. Matches must be played at fields with flood lighting rated at 100 lux or higher.
- 3.9. WPL allow for unlimited interchange, with a maximum of 18 players on the match sheet.
- 3.10. Suspended players may not be replaced by upgraded players. (i.e., if a squad of 18 has two (2) Players suspended, the maximum number of Players who may participate in that match is 16).
- 3.11. WPL will play 90-minute matches plus injury time with a 10-minute half time break.
- 3.12. WPL will be played only with the official ball of the WPL according to the geographical location of where the match is being played (E.G., if a match is being played on a HFI field, the HFI Official WPL ball must be used).
- 3.13. Up to eleven (11) people will be allowed in the Technical Area – a maximum of four (4) Officials and a maximum of seven (7) substitute players (as listed on the Match Sheet). Each Official must be able to display an ID card whilst in the Technical Area (ID can be obtained through the Dribl App – all Officials in the Technical Area must be listed on the Match Sheet)
- 3.14. Clubs entering the Football NSW State Cup will have their relevant matches moved to a mid-week fixture as per section 3.6 and 3.7.
- 3.15. In the case of a clash of jerseys, it is the responsibility of the Away Club to change. If the alternative strip is not available, a forfeit win will be awarded to the Home Club
- 3.16. The WPLSC will determine upon which Clubs will clash playing strips prior to season commencement.
- 3.17. Both competing Clubs shall nominate two (2) Ground Officials to monitor and maintain public order of their own crowd members only per match. These people must be seen in a high visibility jacket and be recorded on the Electronic Match Sheet prior to kick-off. The Ground Officials may not be a registered member of the WPL squad.
- 3.18. The home Club will supply one (1) Marshal to assist Referees to maintain public order within the technical areas. This person must be seen in a high visibility jacket and be recorded on the Electronic Match Sheet prior to kick-off. The Marshal may not be a registered member of the WPL squad and is preferred to be a member of the Club's Executive Committee.
- 3.19. The host Club shall be responsible for the erection of all nets, corner flags, marked technical areas, technical area seating and posts.
- 3.20. Only one (1) person within the Technical Area shall be allowed to be standing and giving technical direction during a match.



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- 3.21. The host Club must ensure that all facilities (2 x Changerooms, Canteen and toilets) are open for the complete duration of the match.
- 3.22. In the case of a field with no boundary fence, the field of play shall be determined by an imaginary 3m boundary from the side and by-lines. Any spectator entering this boundary will be deemed to have entered the field of play.

### 4. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. An eligible player is one that meets all registration requirements and is not ineligible for the following reasons:
  - a) Unregistered
  - b) Suspended
  - c) Not being listed on the team sheet
  - d) A player who has been expelled from a match but is yet to receive sanction
  - e) A player who is not permitted to participate in the match due to any section of these regulations
  - f) A player who is in breach of the National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations as an amateur player (e.g. deemed a professional player, dual registration, etc)

### 5. RECORDINGS

- 5.1. Electronic match sheets will be used for all matches.
- 5.2. The Club listed first on the Match Sheet will be regarded as the Home Club.
- 5.3. All yellow and red cards will be recorded through the match sheet.
- 5.4. All send off and incident reports will be recorded through the relevant form available at the location distributed prior to season commencement.
- 5.5. Electronic Match Sheets must be submitted and confirmed with all relevant information 15 minutes prior to kick-off. No protest will be investigated if the match sheet procedure is not adhered to.
- 5.6. Goal scorers will be recorded by the Referee through the match sheet at the completion of the match.
- 5.7. A 3,2,1 Player vote will be recorded by the Referee through the match sheet at the completion of the match. The best Player from the match shall be awarded 3 points, the second best awarded 2 points and third best awarded 1 point.
- 5.8. Clubs are to check the information on the match sheet is correct within 24 hours of the completion of the match. If any information is incorrect, a protest must be made by their Club to their Association in writing within 48 hours of the match being complete. The protest will be heard by the WPLSC.



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### 6. PREMIERSHIP FORMAT

- 6.1. The following points are awarded for matches during the Premiership:
  - a) Win = 3 points
  - b) Draw = 1 point
  - c) Loss = 0 points
  - d) Bye = To be determined by the administering Association
- 6.2. At the completion of the Premiership, teams are ranked from highest to lowest. The position of each team will be determined based on the following:
  - a) Highest number of points accumulated during the regular season
  - b) If two (2) or more teams are level on points accumulated, the following criteria are applied, in order, until one (1) of the teams can be determined as the higher ranked team in respect of:
    - 1) Highest positive goal difference
    - 2) Highest number of goals scored
    - 3) A countback according to matches played between the tied Clubs (wins per Club, highest positive goal difference, highest number of goals scored).
    - 4) If teams are still equal at this point and needs to be determined for Finals qualification, promotion or relegation, a play-off match will occur based on the Championship Series Regulations.
- 6.3. At the completion of the season, qualifying teams will progress to the Championship. The Championship format will be determined based on Annexure B.
- 6.4. Force Majeure. If it is not possible to conduct matches or rounds to complete the Premiership, the WPLSC may remove rounds and/or make appropriate adjustments to the draw and/or table to ensure an even competition.

### 7. CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

- 7.1. A Championship Series will be used to determine the Championship winner.
- 7.2. For all games in the Championship Series the following will apply:
  - a) If scores are tied at full time, extra time of 15 minutes each way with a two-minute half time break will be played
  - b) If scores are tied after extra time, then Penalty Shootout as per the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) rules will determine the winner.
- 7.3. Eligibility of Players for Championship Series shall be all registered members to the WPL squad are eligible to compete in the Championship Series.



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- 7.4. Players not registered to the WPL and have been used as upgrades throughout the year must have played 8 matches during the Premiership to qualify to play in the Championship Series.
- 7.5. A maximum of 18 players may be placed onto the match sheet for all Championship Series matches.
- 7.6. Force Majeure. If it is not possible to conduct matches or rounds to complete the Championship, the WPLSC may remove rounds.
- 7.7. Championship matches shall be played on fields agreed upon by the WPLSC on a year-to-year basis.
- 7.8. Any protest or dispute must be reported by the Club to their Association Competition Manager via phone within fifteen (15) minutes of the completion of the match.

### 8. ABANDONED AND/OR FORFEITED MATCHES

- 8.1. Matches scheduled to be played on fields washed out shall be attempted to be played on suitable fields on the day.
- 8.2. In the case of a match being washed out or moved on the day, all Competition Managers of their Association shall be contacted as soon as possible for the relaying of the relevant information to the relevant Club(s).
- 8.3. If a match is abandoned or postponed by the Referee for any reason, the host Association Competition Manager of the match shall be contacted immediately. A decision on the outcome of the match will be determined by the WPLSC.
- 8.4. Matches postponed due to circumstances out of anyone's control shall be determined by the WPLSC upon the following criteria:
  - a) If a match was postponed prior to the second half kicking off – the match will be continued from the point of abandonment at the next available time with the same members on the match sheet.
  - b) If a match was postponed in the second half – the result will stand.
- 8.5. When a match is abandoned the WPLSC will make a determination on the outcome of the match based on relevant reports and other provided evidence.
- 8.6. If a team forfeits, the non-offending team will be awarded a 3-0-win (or their score will stand if more than 3 in the case of an on-field forfeit) and the offending team will have one (1) Competition point deducted.
- 8.7. A forfeiting Club will be fined as per Annexure C
- 8.8. 9.7. Except in extenuating circumstances decided upon by the WPLSC, any team who forfeits during the last four (4) rounds of the season will be deemed ineligible for the Championship Series.



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### 9. WOMENS PREMIER LEAGUE COMPETITION STRUCTURE

- 9.1. The Competition Structure is dependent on Annexure A.
- 9.2. A promotion/relegation system may be used internally by each Association but the year-on-year participating Clubs will be in accordance with Paragraph 1.13.
- 9.3. A second tier of WPL (WPL2) may be implemented if the number of accepted nominations from Clubs equals fourteen (14) or more.
- 9.4. If the Competition is increased to fourteen (14) Clubs or more from a previous year
  - a) New Clubs will enter WPL 2 (if the total amount of Clubs allows to do so);
  - b) Working from last place and up in the previous year's WPL Premiership ladder will make up the remainder of Clubs graded in WPL2 based on Annexure A
- 9.5. If the competition is reduced to 13 (thirteen) Clubs or less, following a year of WPL2, all Clubs who nominate for WPL2 will be promoted to WPL1
- 9.6. If the Competition has successive years of WPL1 and WPL2, and all clubs from the previous year nominate, then:
  - a) The lowest Club based on the previous year's WPL1 Premiership ladder will be relegated to WPL2
  - b) The highest Club based on the previous years' WPL2 Premiership ladder will be promoted to WPL1
  - c) In the case of a Club being insolvent, or no longer being able to participate in WPL1, they will automatically be relegated to WPL2 and the next highest Club based on the previous years' WPL2 Premiership ladder shall be promoted.
- 9.7. Competition structures when all Club from the previous years' WPL do not nominate and there continues to be a WPL will be determined by the WPLSC annually based on the nominations received

### 10. REFEREES

- 10.1. Referee Fees will be set as per the appointing Association's fee structure
- 10.2. Referees will be paid electronically as per the Association's policies.
- 10.3. All matches will have a full team (1 x Centre Referee and 2 x Assistant Referees) appointed.
- 10.4. Referees appointed to WPL shall be of a suitable standard as judged by the appointing branch
- 10.5. Referees will be appointed by the Association in which the match is to be played. In the case that an Association cannot provide Referees for a WPL match, another competing Association may be called upon to provide Referees.



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- 10.6. Referee Fees will be invoiced from Clubs and paid to Referees as per the individual Association's Policies and Procedures relevant to where the match is being played. The WPLSC will determine which Club(s) are responsible for a match not proceeding.
- 10.7. Referees claiming fees for a forfeited match may do so via their Association procedures.

### 11. POLICIES

- 11.1. Members subject to this document are bound by all policies relevant to their affiliated Association.
- 11.2. Members and Spectators of Clubs must comply with all policies relevant to the host Club Association. Policies for the different Associations can be found at:
  - a) BDSFA - <https://bdsfa.com/resources/policies/>
  - b) GDSFA – <https://granvillesoccer.com.au/>
  - c) HFI - <https://hillsfootball.com.au/resources/>

### 12. DISCIPLINE

- 12.1. All yellow cards must be recorded in the Electronic Match Sheet. Clubs are responsible for checking that the correct member(s) have been entered after receiving a red card. See Paragraph 6
- 12.2. Accumulation of yellow cards:
  - a) A Player who accumulates five (5) Yellow Cards in the Premiership must serve a Mandatory Match Suspension of one (1) Fixture.
  - b) A player who accumulates seven (7) yellow cards in the Premiership shall serve a mandatory two (2) Fixture Suspension.
  - c) A player who accumulates nine (9) or more yellow cards in the Premiership shall be referred by the WPLSC to a GPT.
  - d) Unless it is the result of a second caution in the same match, regardless of the number of Yellow Cards received during a Championship Series; they will not result in a Mandatory Match Suspension.
- 12.3. All red card offences shall be recorded in the Electronic Match Sheet. Clubs are responsible for checking that the correct member(s) have been entered after receiving a red card. See Paragraph 6.
- 12.4. In the case of a red card, the administering association will be responsible for applying a sanction as per Annexure E. In instances where the proposed sanction is greater than the minimum ban for the offence, the staff members of the three Combined Associations will vote on the appropriate sanction.



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- 12.5. Minimum mandatory sanctions in relation to a red card offence cannot be appealed.
- 12.6. The distribution of the suspension notifications will be managed by the Administrating Association.
- 12.7. Any investigation arising from a WPL match will be investigated by the Administrating Association and determinations made in consultation with all members WPLSC.
- 12.8. The members managing suspensions may move a case to a General-Purpose Tribunal (GPT) process. The GPT will be organised and heard by appointed delegates of all three Associations and under the Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations process and table of offences set out in Annexure E.
- 12.9. The Appeals process from any red card offence or GPT shall move directly to the Administrating Association with representation from all three Associations.
- 12.10. All relevant fees in relation to GPT and appeals may be found in Annexure C.
- 12.11. Sanctions related to any GPT, or AT may be found under Annexure E
- 12.12. Registered WPL Members receiving sanction must serve that their sanction in the next WPL match or FNSW Competition match.
- 12.13. Members receiving sanction who were being upgraded from another team must serve their sanction in the next scheduled match of the WPL or their normal registered team (whichever comes first) but may not play a match until 12:01am of the following day in which the suspension was served.

### 13. ANTI-POACHING

- 13.1. Club representatives, Coaches, Managers or Players must not directly or indirectly approach a registered Player or Coach with a view of encouraging them to play for another Club.
- 13.2. Club representatives, Coaches, Managers or Players must not directly or indirectly approach a registered Player or Coach with a view to offer inducements or incentives to play for another Club.
- 13.3. Direct contact includes but is not limited to person-to-person conversation via telephone, email, social media, or messaging services.
- 13.4. Indirect contact includes but is not limited to asking a third party to make direct contact on behalf of a Club member openly or discretely.
- 13.5. If a Club wishes to contact a registered playing or coaching member the correspondence may only be accepted via the registered members Club Secretary.



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### 14. PLAYER PAYMENTS

- 14.1. Article 3.1(b) of the National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations (NRSTRs) provides that “a Professional is a Player who has a written contract with a Club, under which he or she is paid more than the expenses she effectively incurs to play football for that Club”. Article 6.1(a) of the NRSTRs provides that the contract must be in the form of the Professional Player Contract (FA Prescribed Form NRR05) and the body of the contract must not be amended. Article 6.1 includes other requirements in relation to the contents of the contract and Clubs should make reference to that article.
- 14.2. Article 3.1(c) of the NRSTRs provides that “An Amateur is any Player that is not a Professional. A Club may pay or reimburse a Player any expenses incurred by that Player without affecting her status as an Amateur, including but not limited to travel, kit, equipment, or insurance premiums. If, however, an Amateur is paid or reimbursed more than \$110 a week by a Club, the onus is on that Club to satisfy the relevant Association board that the amount paid accurately reflects the expenses incurred by that Player. If the Club fails to satisfy this onus, that Player will be deemed to be a Professional.”
- 14.3. All Professional Players contracts are required to be submitted to the WPLSC for distribution to the relevant Association board.
- 14.4. All Players receiving any payment and are applying to be classed as Amateur are required to be disclosed to the WPLSC and relevant board prior to that player registering with full transparency of those agreed payments, why those payments are being made and what those payments are for.

### 15. REVIEW

- 15.1. These Regulations are agreed for the 2026, 2027 and 2028 seasons.
- 15.2. These Regulations will be reviewed at the end of every season by the WPLSC.
- 15.3. Any proposed changes to the Regulations will only be implemented due to unforeseen errors or to improve the WPL Competition.

### 16. CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

- 16.1. Champion of Champions selection for the three (3) Associations will be awarded to the Club representing their Association upon their board approval.



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### 17. GROUND CLOSURES AND DEFERRING MATCHES

17.1. If a match cannot be played at the allocated venue, all effort will be made to move the matches at the discretion of the Administrating Association and under the following criteria

- a) If the second round of matches against an opponent has not been played the match will be played at the opponent's home ground as the first preference and the reverse fixture will then have the ground reallocated so each team has a home match
- b) If the game cannot be played at either team's ground, a neutral ground may be used. The home fixture will not be reallocated in these circumstances
- c) If the impacted game is a club hosted Match of the Round, the WPLSC will endeavour to ensure the match is still live streamed under the limitations of external contractors

17.2. Games that have been reallocated to another ground may have the game times altered so as not to impact on games already scheduled for the venue.

17.3. Clubs are permitted to request a change of venue in the event their home ground becomes unavailable

17.4. Clubs may apply to the WPLSC to have a match rescheduled or reallocated to an alternate ground by applying to the WPLSC a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled date. Request will be reviewed under the following conditions

- a) If any clubs wishes to change any match date, time or venue, the club must first apply to the Competitions Manager and include suggested alternative arrangements for the match. The application must include consultation with the opposition club for alternative arrangements
- b) It is the responsibility of the requesting club to find suitable alternate dates, times or venues that do not impact on other competitions being administered by the three associations
- c) The match will be rescheduled to a date no more than fourteen (14) days after the scheduled match date.
- d) All rescheduled matches must be played prior to the final scheduled regular season round of the competition. Failure to do so will result in the requesting club forfeiting the match. Forfeitures in this instance would not result in ineligibility for the Finals Series.

17.5 The WPLSC maintain the right to make the final decision on all requests



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### 18. ANNEXURE A

COMPETITION CLUBS	STRUCTURE
5 or less accepted clubs	No Competition
6 accepted clubs	20 rounds
7 accepted clubs	21 round Competition with a bye
8 accepted clubs	21 round Competition
9 accepted clubs	18 round Competition with a bye
10 accepted clubs	18 round Competition
11 accepted clubs	22 round Competition with a bye
12 accepted clubs	22 round Competition
13 accepted clubs	26 round Competition with a bye
14 accepted clubs	WPL1 is a 8-team structure WPL2 is a 6 team structure
15 accepted clubs	WPL1 is a 8-team structure WPL2 is a 7-team structure
16 accepted clubs	WPL1 is a 8-team structure WPL2 is a 8-team structure
17 accepted clubs	WPL1 is a 10-team structure WPL2 is an 7-team structure
18 accepted clubs	WPL1 is a 10-team structure WPL2 is an 8-team structure
19 accepted clubs	WPL1 is a 10-team structure WPL2 is a 9-team structure
20 accepted clubs	WPL1 and WPL2 are 10 team structures



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### 19. ANNEXURE B

COMPETITION CLUBS	STRUCTURE					
5 or less	No Competition					
6 - 12	4 team Finals Series					
	Round	Match	Name	Team 1		Team 2
	1	A	1st Semi Final	Rank 3	v	Rank 4
		B	2nd Semi Final	Rank 1	v	Rank 2
	2	C	Preliminary Final	Loser B	v	Winner A
	3	D	Grand Final	Winner B	v	Winner C



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### 20. ANNEXURE C

All fines will be used appropriately for the development of female football. Fines will be paid to the administrating Association held until season completion for distribution according to the percentage of Clubs represented by each Association. The WPLSC reserve the right to waive any fines.

Forfeit (including on-field)	\$200
Playing an ineligible Player	\$500
Match Sheet incomplete or not submitted/confirmed on time	\$50
Field not marked to specification (including technical areas)	\$100
Failure to provide adequate seating in Technical Area	\$100
Failure to open amenities (Paragraph 3.21)	\$250
Withdrawing after nominations close	\$250
Non-attendance of compulsory meeting, promotional or media event	\$250
Incorrect ball used	\$100
General Purposes Tribunal (GPT)	\$250
Appeals	\$750

### 21. ANNEXURE D

ROLE	AMOUNT
Centre Referee	\$80.00
Assistant Referee	\$40.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Official (if used)	\$40.00



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### 22. ANNEXURE E

**Second or subsequent Offences:** Where a member has been found guilty of an Offence and then commits the same Offence on a second or subsequent occasion within two (2) years of the expiration of the Suspension issued in respect of the previous Offence, the second or subsequent Offence will be considered a Second or subsequent Offence for the purposes of sanctioning.

**TABLE A: OFFENCES BY PLAYERS<sup>1</sup>**

OFFENCE CODE		OFFENCE DESCRIPTION	GRADING GUIDELINES	INCIDENCE	PARTICIPANT SANCTION	
Red Card	GRADING				SUSPENSION (Minimum)	SUSPENSION (Maximum)
R1	01-01	Serious foul play  (Typically, but not limited to, tackles or challenges on an opponent with the ball)	Serious foul play tackle or challenge	First	MMS	24 months
	01-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 1 Fixture	
	02-01		Attempting to gain possession of the ball using excessive force	First	MMS + 1 Fixture	24 months
	02-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 2 Fixtures	
	03-01		Conduct that endangers the safety of an opponent in a contest for the ball or has the potential to cause injury	First	MMS + 2 Fixtures	24 months
	03-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 3 Fixtures	
	04-01		Conduct causing minor injury	First	MMS +4 Fixtures	24 months
	04-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 5 Fixtures	
	05-01		Conduct causing serious injury	First	MMS + 6 Fixtures	24 months
	05-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 10 Fixtures	



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R2	01-01	<b>Violent conduct</b>  <i>(Typically, but not limited to, the use or attempted use of excessive force against an opponent when not challenging for the ball, or against a team mate, Club Official, Team Official, Match Official or Spectator)</i>	Excessive force	First	MMS	24 months
	01-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 1 Fixture	
	02-01		Violent conduct	First	MMS + 3 Fixtures	24 months
	02-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 5 Fixtures	
	03-01		Serious and/or premeditated violent conduct	First	MMS + 6 Fixtures	24 months
	03-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 8 Fixtures	
	04-01		Serious violent conduct that has caused bodily harm or responsibility for a Melee (Grade 2)	First	MMS + 12 Fixtures	24 months
	04-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 20 Fixtures	
R3	01-01	<b>Spitting at an opponent or any other person</b>	Spitting at or towards an opponent or any other person	First	MMS + 4 Fixtures	24 months
	01-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 8 Fixtures	
	02-01		Spitting on an opponent or any other person	First	MMS + 8 Fixtures	24 months
	02-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 16 Fixtures	
R4	01-01	<b>Denying goal scoring opportunity</b>	Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (except a goalkeeper within their penalty area)	First	MMS	MMS
	01-02			Second & subsequent	MMS	
R5	01-01	<b>Denying goal scoring opportunity</b>	Denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the opponent's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick	First	MMS	MMS
	01-02			Second & subsequent	MMS	
R6	01-01	<b>Offensive, insulting, abusive or intimidating language and/or gestures</b>	Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures in frustration	First	MMS	24 months
	01-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 1 Fixture	
	02-01		Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures directed at or towards another person	First	MMS + 1 Fixtures	24 months
	02-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 3 Fixtures	



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	03-01		Incitement to violence, or repeated use of offensive language and/or gestures directed at or towards another person	First	MMS + 4 Fixtures	24 months
	03-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 8 Fixtures	
	04-01		Threatening or intimidating language and/or conduct directed at or towards another person	First	MMS + 4 Fixtures	24 months
	04-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 8 Fixtures	
	05-01		Use of discriminatory, homophobic, racist, religious, ethnic or sexist language and/or gestures	First	MMS + 6 Fixtures	24 months
	05-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 14 Fixtures	
	06-01		Threat of physical violence directed at or towards another person or their family or property	First	MMS + 8 Fixtures	24 months
	06-02			Second & subsequent	MMS + 16 Fixtures	
R7	01-01	Second caution or receiving two Temporary Dismissals in the same match	Second Yellow Card in a Match	First	MMS	MMS
	01-02			Second & subsequent	MMS	

<sup>1</sup> Where the Offence giving rise to the Red Card was committed against a Match Official, the applicable Minimum and Maximum Suspensions are those set out in Table B.

<sup>2</sup> A Suspension greater than the applicable Maximum Suspension may be imposed by the WPLSC only in Exceptional Circumstances that must be detailed in the Determination.



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**TABLE B: OFFENCES BY PARTICIPANTS AGAINST MATCH OFFICIALS\***

OFFENCE CODE	OFFENCE DESCRIPTION	INCIDENCE	PARTICIPANT SANCTION	
			SUSPENSION (Minimum)	SUSPENSION (Maximum)
01-01	Fail to abide by or comply with a direction of a Match Official	First	MMS	24 months
01-02		Second & subsequent	MMS + 1 Fixture	
02-01	Disputing a decision of a Match Official, dissent or unsportsmanlike/unprofessional behaviour <i>[R6 for Players]</i>	First	MMS	24 months
02-02		Second & subsequent	MMS + 1 Fixture	
03-01	Using offensive, insulting or abusive language or gestures in frustration <i>[R6 for Players]</i>	First	MMS	24 months
03-02		Second & subsequent	MMS + 1 Fixture	
04-01	Use offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures (isolated incident) <i>[R6 for Players]</i>	First	MMS + 2 Fixtures	24 months
04-02		Second & subsequent	MMS + 4 Fixtures	
05-01	Use offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures (repeated and/or excessive conduct) <i>[R6 for Players]</i>	First	MMS + 4 Fixtures	24 months
05-02		Second & subsequent	MMS + 6 Fixtures	
06-01	Indecent gestures <i>[R6 for Players]</i>	First	MMS + 6 Fixtures	24 months
06-02		Second & subsequent	MMS + 10 Fixtures	
07-01	Provocation or incitement of hatred or violence <i>[R6 for Players]</i>	First	MMS + 8 Fixtures	24 months
07-02		Second & subsequent	MMS + 12 Fixtures	
08-01	Use of discriminatory, homophobic, racist, religious, ethnic or sexist language and/or gestures <i>[R6 for Players]</i>	First	MMS + 10 Fixtures	24 months
08-02		Second & subsequent	MMS + 12 Fixtures	
09-01	Threatening or intimidating language or conduct towards a Match Official <i>[R6 for players]</i>	First	MMS + 11 Fixtures	24 months
09-02		Second & subsequent	MMS + 15 Fixtures	



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OFFENCE CODE	OFFENCE DESCRIPTION	INCIDENCE	PARTICIPANT SANCTION	
10-01	Threat of physical violence towards a Match Official or his/her family or property <i>[R6 for Players]</i>	First	12 months	24 months
10-02		Second & subsequent	2 years	
11-01	Inappropriate contact with a Match Official	First	MMS + 1 Fixtures	24 months
11-02		Second & subsequent	MMS + 2 Fixtures	
12-01	Pushing a Match Official	First	12 months	Life
12-02		Second & subsequent	2 years	
13-01	Tripping a Match Official	First	12 months	Life
13-02		Second & subsequent	2 years	
14-01	Striking a Match Official with a ball or other object	First	12 months	Life
14-02		Second & subsequent	2 years	
15-01	Punching, kicking, elbowing or striking a Match Official	First	2 years	Life
15-02		Second & subsequent	4 years	
16-01	Spitting at or towards a Match Official	First	12 months	Life
16-02		Second & subsequent	2 years	
17-01	Spitting on a Match Official	First	2 years	Life
17-02		Second & subsequent	4 years	

\* In respect of Players, Column 2 also references the relevant sending-off offences R1 to R6 under the IFAB Laws of the Game



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**TABLE C: OTHER OFFENCES BY MEMBERS\***

OFFENCE CODE	OFFENCE DESCRIPTION	INCIDENCE	PARTICIPANT SANCTION		CLUB SANCTION	
			<u>SUSPENSION</u> (Minimum)	<u>SUSPENSION</u> (Maximum)	<u>FINE \$</u> (Minimum)	<u>OTHER</u> (Minimum)
01-01	Unauthorised entry onto the Field of Play	First	1 Fixture	24 months	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
01-02		Second & subsequent	2 Fixtures			
02-01	Failure to abide by or comply with a reasonable direction of an Official (other than a Match Official) or employee or representative in relation to conduct and/or behaviour at a Match	First	1 Fixture	24 months	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
02-02		Second & subsequent	2 Fixtures			
03-01	Unsportsmanlike or unprofessional behaviour	First	2 Fixtures	24 months	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
03-02		Second & subsequent	4 Fixtures / 1 month			
04-01	Failure to provide a safe environment for Participants or to maintain public order at a Match	First	4 Fixtures / 1 month	24 months	\$500	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines (if any)
04-02		Second & subsequent	8 Fixtures / 2 months		\$1,000	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines (if any)
05-01	Failure to provide identifying details of an individual when reasonably requested to do so by a Match Official or employee or representative	First	1 Fixture	24 months	\$500	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines (if any)
05-02		Second & subsequent	2 Fixtures		\$1,000	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines (if any)
06-01	Use offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures (isolated incident)	First	2 Fixtures	24 months	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
06-02		Second & subsequent	4 Fixtures / 1 month			
07-01	Use offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures (repeated and/or excessive conduct)	First	4 Fixtures / 1 month	24 months	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
07-02		Second & subsequent	8 Fixtures / 2 months			
08-01	Indecent gestures	First	4 Fixtures / 1 month	24 months	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
08-02		Second & subsequent	8 Fixtures / 2 months			



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09-01	Provocation or incitement of hatred or violence	First	8 Fixtures / 2 months	24 months	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
09-02		Second & subsequent	12 Fixtures / 3 months			
10-01	Use of discriminatory, homophobic, racist, religious, ethnic or sexist language and/or gestures	First	8 Fixtures / 2 months	24 months	\$500	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines (if any)
10-02		Second & subsequent	12 Fixtures / 3 months		\$1,000	
11-01	Participating in a Melee (Grade 1)	First	4 Fixtures / 1 month	24 months	\$500	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines (if any)
11-02		Second & subsequent	12 Fixtures / 3 months		\$1,000	
12-01	Instigator of a Melee (Grade 1)	First	8 Fixtures / 2 months	24 months	\$1,000	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines (if any)
12-02		Second & subsequent	16 Fixtures / 4 months		\$2,000	
13-01	Participating in a Melee (Grade 2)	First	12 Fixtures / 3 months	Life	\$1,000	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines (if any)
13-02		Second & subsequent	20 Fixtures / 5 months		\$2,000	
14-01	Instigator of a Melee (Grade 2)	First	16 Fixtures / 4 months	Life	\$1,500	Loss of 3 competition points
14-02		Second & subsequent	32 Fixtures / 8 months		\$3,000	Loss of 6 competition points
15-01	Assault/striking	First	8 Fixtures / 2 months	Life	\$1,000	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines (if any)
15-02		Second & subsequent	16 Fixtures / 4 months		\$2,000	
16-01	Violent conduct	First	12 Fixtures / 3 months	Life	\$1,000	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines (if any)
16-02		Second & subsequent	24 Fixtures / 6 months		\$2,000	
17-01	Serious violent conduct (including, but not limited to, spitting at or on a Player, Spectator, Club Official, Team Official or employee or representative)	First	12 months	Life	\$1,500	Loss of 3 competition points
17-02		Second & subsequent	2 years		\$3,000	Loss of 6 competition points
18-01	Damaging property/equipment	First	2 Fixtures	24 months	\$500	Cost of repair/replace property & equipment



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18-02		Second & subsequent	8 Fixtures / 2 months		\$1,000	Cost of repair/replace property & equipment
19-01	Contempt against a Body	First	4 Fixtures / 1 month	5 years	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
19-02		Second & subsequent	8 Fixtures / 2 months			
20-01	Breach of the prohibition on dual registration (as per article 4.10 of the FA National Registration Regulations)	First	8 Fixtures / 2 months	24 months	\$1,000	Loss of 3 competition points
20-02		Second & subsequent	12 Fixtures / 3 months		\$1,500	Loss of 6 competition points
21-01	Breach of these Rules and Regulations or FA National Registration Regulations relating to registration (other than dual registration) and/or competitions	First	Any penalty or sanction prescribed by the relevant rules and regulations and, if none, such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines		Any penalty or sanction prescribed by the relevant rules and regulations and, if none, such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines	
21-02		Second & subsequent				
22-01	Possessing a Prohibited Item at a Match, Fixture or event	First	2 years	Life	\$1,000	N/A
22-02		Second & subsequent	5 years		\$5,000	Loss of 3 competition points
23-01	Throwing missiles including, but not limited to, on to the Field of Play or at other Spectators	First	2 years	Life	\$1,500	Loss of 3 competition points
23-02		Second & subsequent	5 years		\$3,000	Loss of 6 competition points
24-01	Bring in to (or attempting to bring into) a stadium, venue, ground or centre national or political flags or emblems (except for the recognised national flags of any of the competing teams) or insulting, offensive, inappropriate, religious or political banners or slogans, whether written in English or a foreign language	First	2 years	Life	\$1,000	Loss of 3 competition points
24-02		Second & subsequent	5 years		\$2,000	Loss of 6 competition points
25-01	Letting off incendiary device(s) or fire(s)	First	2 years	Life	\$1,500	Loss of 3 competition points
25-02		Second & subsequent	5 years		\$5,000	Loss of 6 competition points
26-01	Group of Spectators uttering insulting words or sounds	First	6 months	5 years	\$1,000	N/A
26-02		Second & subsequent	12 months		\$2,000	N/A
27-01	Breach of a Suspension, Notice of Suspension or Determination	First	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines but no less than what is prescribed in these Regulations		Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines	
27-02		Second & subsequent				



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28-01	Betting, match-fixing or corruption (as per clause 4 of the FA Code of Conduct)	First	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines (if any)		
28-02		Second & subsequent					
29-01	Breach of the FNSW Privacy Policy, the FA Privacy Policy or any privacy policy applicable to a Member’s collection, use and disclosure of personal information	First	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines (if any)		
29-02		Second & subsequent					
30-01	Bringing the game into Disrepute (section 16.4(f) and/or 16.4(g))	First	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines (if any)		
30-02		Second & subsequent					
31-01	Detrimental Public Comment (including Media and Social Media)	First	8 Fixtures / 2 months	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines	\$1,000	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
31-02	<i>Including but not limited to, comments that: i denigrate or criticise (including any staff and Board members), FA or any of their commercial partners; ii denigrate or criticise another Member, whether in relation to incidents that have occurred in a Match/Fixture or otherwise; iii denigrate or criticise a Participant by inappropriately commenting on any aspect of their performance, abilities or characteristics; iv refer to the likely outcome of a matter being investigated or a matter or hearing before a Body; v criticise the outcome of an investigation; vi criticise the decision of a Body; vii criticise a Body or any of its members; or viii criticise any evidence, submission or other comment made by any person at or in relation to a matter or hearing before a Body</i>	Second & subsequent	16 Fixtures / 4 months		\$2,000		
32-01	Other action or behaviour in breach the FFA Code of Conduct, the FA National Registration Regulations, the FA Spectator Code of Behaviour and/or the FA National Member Protection Policy not identified elsewhere in this Table	First	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines (if any)		
32-02		Second & subsequent					
33-01	Threatening or intimidating language or conduct towards an individual	First	MMS + 7 Fixtures	24 months	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines (if any)		
33-02		Second & subsequent	MMS + 10 Fixtures				
34-01	Threat of physical violence towards an individual or their family or property	First	6 months	24 months	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines (if any)		
34-02		Second & subsequent	12 months				



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<b>35-01</b>	Participant or Member failing to provide or providing false/misleading information to a Body	<i>First</i>	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
<b>35-02</b>		<i>Second &amp; subsequent</i>				
<b>36-01</b>	Interfering with, or delaying the restart of, play	<i>First</i>	1 Fixture	24 months	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
<b>36-02</b>		<i>Second &amp; subsequent</i>	2 Fixtures			
<b>37-01</b>	Failure to comply with restrictions imposed on Participants after receiving a Red Card or being Expelled during a Match. Any sanction applied is in addition to the sanction issued in respect of the Red Card Offence or the Expulsion Offence.	<i>First</i>	1 Fixture	24 months	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines (if any)	
<b>37-02</b>		<i>Second &amp; subsequent</i>	2 Fixtures			
<b>38-01</b>	Inappropriate goal celebration	<i>First</i>	5 Fixtures (if Red Card issued)	24 months	\$1,500	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines (if any)
<b>38-02</b>		<i>Second &amp; subsequent</i>	8 Fixtures (if Red Card issued)	24 months	\$5,000	Such penalty as the WPLSC or the Tribunal determines (if any)

\* The offences set out in Tables B and C are not intended to be exhaustive and the WPLSC may bring any charge against a Member.

# Table C sets out the Minimum and Maximum Sanctions that may be imposed by the WPLSC or a Tribunal for the offences set out in that Table. The WPLSC or a Tribunal may impose any of the other sanctions set out in Table D in addition to a Suspension or Sanction. For example, a Player who receives a four (4) Fixture Suspension for using offensive, insulting, or abusive language and/or gestures towards a Match Official may also be required to successfully complete a referee's course and be required to officiate a number of Matches.

^ A Member is presumed to have known that a person was a Match Official (regardless of that person's attire or regardless of whether that person identified themselves as a Match Official to the Member) unless that Member satisfies the WPLSC, as the case may be, otherwise.