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Overview

This Disciplinary Code describes infringements of the rules and regulations of the New Soccer Football League (referred to as the NSFL) a recognised stream of the Southern Local Football Association (referred to as the SLFA), who regulates the organisation and function of the Disciplinary Committee's responsible for taking decisions, the procedures to be followed and determines the sanctions to be applied.

This *Disciplinary Code* applies to every match and competition organised by the NSFL. Beyond this scope, it also applies if a match official is harmed and, more generally, if the statutory objectives of the SLFA are breached.

This *Disciplinary Code* is aligned to the SAFA Regulations Disciplinary Code, as the SLFA and NSFL are obliged to adopt and adapt the SAFA provisions made in their

Disciplinary Code, for the purpose of harmonising disciplinary measures.

Coverage

The following are subject to this code:

All SLFA & NSFL Members which include;

- Clubs
- Officials
- Players
- Match officials
- Spectators

The Disciplinary code will govern all NSFL League, Cup, Plate, Tournament, Festival and friendly games.

Disciplinary Committee

A formal and independent Disciplinary Committee has been formed to manage disciplinary issues for 2023. The DC is elected by the NSFL executive.

Disciplinary Committee Structure



Role & Responsibility

1. Alignment and Updating of the SLFA constitution/s

- 2. Drafting of summons and charge sheet
- 3. Arranging DC hearings (Date, Time, Venue)
- 4. Manage the administration of the hearings
- 5. Officiate and provide impartial judgements & sanctions
- 6. Draft and distribute minutes of hearing
- 7. Draft & maintain a schedule of offences.
- 8. Records of cautions, expulsions and match suspensions to be stored in a centralised SLFA Database.
- 9. The Disciplinary Committee secretary confirms the outcome and ruling of a disciplinary hearing in writing to the Player and/or Club concerned.
- 10. This communication serves only as confirmation. Sanctions (cautions, expulsions, automatic match suspensions) have an immediate effect on subsequent matches even if the letter of confirmation reaches the Player, Club, Official or persons concerned later.
- 11. To ensure that the relevant records are complete, all Clubs and Referees shall inform the NSFL administrators of all sanctions that have been pronounced during their own games and disciplinary hearings, and are likely to be carried over to a NSFL competition or future competitions organised by the NSFL.

Disciplinary Committee Procedures

- The Executive Committee, shall have the power to appoint a pro-forma prosecutor to present the charge to the relevant Disciplinary Committee and to call evidence and make submissions in support of the charge on behalf of the Association, in particular to prosecute all acts of misconduct/offenses at the instance of the Association, or pursuant to any protest or complaint referred by the league manager or his representative, to the Disciplinary Committee.
- 2. All parties, other than the league, involved in a disciplinary matter shall be summoned by the Association and informed of the time and place of the hearing by midday of the third working day prior to the hearing, and shall be entitled to be personally present at the hearing at their own costs.
- In the case where a party has been charged with committing an act of misconduct/offence, such summons shall set out concisely the charge(s) preferred against such party.

- 4. All parties acknowledge that no summonses in respect of a hearing before the Disciplinary Committee may be regarded as exculpable and in the event of such summons shall be emend orally at the hearing by the Association representative, this the matter to immediately proceed.
- 5. Should any party have been properly summoned, but fails to be present at the hearing, the relevant Disciplinary Committee shall have the right to continue with the hearing in the absence of such party and have the power to summarily suspend such party until such party appears before it.
- No party summoned or called as a witness to appear before the Disciplinary Committee shall be entitled to legal representation or other assistance (other than that of a translator), unless, In the case of a team being summoned, the representative is a registered official or player of the club concerned;
- 7. In the case of a player or official being summoned or called as a witness, the representative is a registered official or player of the club with whom such player or official is registered; and such person has been so registered with the club for a period of at least 6 (six) months.

- No other party, other than a party summoned or called as a witness to appear before the Disciplinary Committee, or any SAFA official, shall be entitled to attend a hearing of the Disciplinary Committee.
- 9. The Association or the Disciplinary Committee may, at any stage, subpoena any person or body bound by the Constitution and the NSFL Rules and Regulations, to give evidence or produce any book, paper or document in a hearing before the Disciplinary Committee.
- 10. The Association shall furthermore issue a subpoena, at the request of a party summoned by SAFA, provided a sum of money to cover the costs thereby entailed is deposited with the Association prior to the issue of such a subpoena.
- 11. A witness subpoenaed to attend a hearing of the Disciplinary Committee, who fails to attend or remain in attendance at such a hearing until excused by the Disciplinary Committee, shall be guilty of an offence.
- 12. If any witness present at a hearing is required to give evidence at such a hearing, and refuses to answer any question put to him, or refuses or fails to produce any book, paper or document required to be produced by him, the Disciplinary

Committee may in a summary manner, enquire into such refusal or failure, and unless the person refusing or failing has a valid excuse for his refusal or failure, shall sentence such a person to a fine of not more than R5 000,00 (Five Thousand Rand) over and above any other sentence it deems appropriate and provided for in the Constitution and these Rules and Regulations.

Hearing Process & Procedure

- The authority to institute and conduct a prosecution before a Disciplinary Committee in respect of any act of misconduct/offence pursuant to a complaint or at the instance of the Executive Committee shall vest in the Association.
- 2. The onus of proving the charge shall lie with the Association, which must prove the charge on a balance of probabilities.
- 3. The pro-forma prosecutor conducting a prosecution may:
 - a. Before the accused pleads to a charge, withdraw that charge, in which event the

accused shall not be entitled to a verdict of acquittal in respect of that charge;

- At any time after an accused has pleaded to a charge, but before conviction, stop the prosecution in respect of that charge, in which event the Disciplinary Committee hearing the matter shall acquit the accused in respect of that charge.
- 4. The pro-forma prosecutor shall read out the summons addressed to the accused and the accused shall then be asked by the Chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee to plead "guilty" or "not guilty" to the charge(s). A plea by the accused that it/(s) he has already been convicted or acquitted of the offence with which it/(s) he is being charged may be pleaded together with a plea of "not guilty".
- 5. Where the accused pleads "guilty" to the charge/s, the Disciplinary Committee shall, if satisfied that the accused is guilty of the offence to which it/he has pleaded "guilty", convict the accused on the plea of "guilt". Nothing in this Rule shall prevent the pro-forma prosecutor from presenting evidence on any aspect of the charge, for the purposes of determining an appropriate sentence.

- 6. Where the accused pleads "not guilty", the Disciplinary Committee may, in its discretion, ask the accused whether he/she wishes to make a statement indicating the basis of its/his/her defence.
- 7. Where the accused does not make a statement or does so, and it is not clear from the statement to what extent the accused denies or admits the issues raised by the plea, the Disciplinary Committee may question the accused in order to establish which allegations in the charge are in dispute.
- 8. The Disciplinary Committee may in its discretion, put any question to the accused to clarify any matter raised, and shall enquire from the accused whether an allegation which is not placed in issue by the plea of "not guilty" may be recorded as an admission by the accused of that allegation, and if the accused so consents, such admission shall be recorded and shall be sufficient proof of such fact.
- 9. There shall, if applicable, read out the reports of the various match officials. The fact contained in the match officials' reports are presumed to be accurate. However, proof of inaccuracy of the contents of these reports may be provided. The accused shall be asked if he admits allegations in

the report. If the accused admits the reports, the pro-forma prosecutor shall at his discretion, decide whether he wishes to call the said match officials to amplify or qualify their reports. If the accused disputes the allegations in the report(s), the pro-forma prosecutor shall call the match officials to give evidence.

- 10. The accused shall be afforded the right to ask to be allowed to question a match official giving evidence on behalf of the Association, provided such questions are relevant to the matters at issue. At any time, the Disciplinary members may question officials giving on behalf of the Association.
- 11. The pro-forma prosecutor may then call other witnesses in support of the charge(s). The accused shall have the right to ask/ questions of such other witnesses as he/she has had to ask questions the match officials. The members of the Disciplinary Committee may also question such other witnesses.
- 12. At the conclusion of such evidence the pro-forma prosecutor's case may be closed.
- 13. The accused may then give evidence on its/his/her own behalf and in such event its/she/ he may be

questioned by the pro-forma prosecutor and the Disciplinary Committee.

- 14. The accused may then call witnesses to who questions may be put by the accused, in which event the pro-forma prosecutor and the Disciplinary Committee members may question them.
- 15. At the conclusion of such evidence, the accused's case shall be closed.
- 16. The Disciplinary Committee may, if it deems desirable, or on request by the Association or the accused, allow further evidence to be led by either the proforma prosecutor or the accused, or by both, after their cases are already closed.
- 17. Save where otherwise provided for in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, documentary evidence shall be admitted in terms of the "hearsay" evidence rule, below, unless the author thereof is present or the contents are not in dispute.
- 18. "Hearsay" evidence shall not be allowed, and all extraneous matters in the evidence shall be ruled "out of order", save that television and video recordings may be used by any party to the proceedings (although this evidence shall not have

effect on any decision of fact taken by the match officials).

- 19. No evidence on any previous misconduct of the accused shall be admitted, unless the accused shall have put his character in issue.
- 20. After the conclusion of the evidence called or produced by the accused, the pro-forma prosecutor and the accused in turn may make closing submissions. The pro-forma prosecutor may reply on any question, which the accused has raised in his address.
- 21. Upon the conclusion of the case, the Disciplinary Committee shall deliberate.
- 22. Once a decision has been reached, the parties shall be recalled and the Chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee shall announce the verdict.
- 23. If the accused is found "not guilty", the session will be declared closed.
- 24. If the accused is found "guilty", or the accused has pleaded "guilty", the proforma prosecutor shall be entitled to make presentations regarding a suitable sentence to be imposed and the accused shall be entitled to address the Disciplinary Committee in mitigation of sentence.

- 25. Thereupon, the Disciplinary Committee shall deliberate upon the sentence to be imposed.
- 26. Once a decision has been reached, the parties shall be recalled and the Chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee shall announce the sentence.
- 27. Save where the hearing took place pursuant to a complaint, the Disciplinary Committee shall have the power to sentence the accused to the following sentences or combinations of sentences:
 - Suspend the person or team from all or any specific football activities, either permanently or for a stated period of time or number of matches;
 - b. Impose a monetary fine on the person or team concerned an amount not exceeding R20, 000, 00 (Twenty Thousand Rand);
 - c. Censure the person or team concerned;
 - d. Order a person or team to pay all expenses of and incidental to the consideration of the matter;
 - e. Order a match to be replayed on such conditions as it may determine, or award a match to a team;
 - f. Impose a fine of a stated number of league points;

- g. Close a ground for a stated period;
- Recommend to the Executive Committee the expulsion or suspension of a team from the League for any period. In this case, all results involving the expelled team will be expunged from the League as if the team had never played any matches;
- i. The barring of the offending party from entering the Competition in the following season;
- Rule that a score in a match that was abandoned by the referee be declared the result of the match;
- Take any other action as specifically provided for in these Rules and Regulations;
- Take any other disciplinary action, as the Disciplinary Committee may deem reasonable and appropriate in the particular circumstances of the matter in question.
- 28. The League or an accused party charged with committing an act of misconduct/offence shall have the right to appeal against any decision of

the Disciplinary Committee. No other party shall have the right to appeal against any decision of the Disciplinary Committee. The appeal by the League or the accused party shall be lodged in terms of the Constitution and the Rules of the Association.

Acts of Misconducts/Offences

Without derogating from the generality of what constitutes an act of misconduct/offence, the following are specifically declared to be acts of misconduct/offenses on the part of a player, official, servant or duly authorized (express or implied) representative of a club, official of the Association or member of any sub-Committee as the case may be.

RULE 1 - Fails to provide adequate security at Venue:

 It shall be presumed, unless the contrary is proved, that a club has failed to provide adequate security at its venue where the spectators at such venue, irrespective of their affiliation, committed acts, or were responsible for conduct that is considered improper behaviour.

2. It shall not be a defence to the previously mentioned charge that a larger crowd than anticipated attended or attempted to attend the game.

RULE 2 - Its players, officials, servants or duly authorized (express or implied) representatives or supporters directly or indirectly interrupt, obstruct or disturb the normal proceedings of a game before, during or after the match;

RULE 3 - Its players, officials, servants or duly authorized (expressed or implied) representatives, for any corrupt, dishonest or unlawful purpose in connection with a game played under the auspices of the League, or in connection with the affairs of the League, give, offer or promise, whether directly or indirectly, any inducement, reward or bribe of whatsoever nature, to anybody whatsoever;

RULE 4 - Its players, officials, servants or duly authorized (express or implied) representatives accept any inducement, reward or bribe.

RULE 5 - It fails to comply with or contravenes any provision of these Rules and Regulations, the relevant SAFA Constitution and Rules, the CAF Statutes and the FIFA Statutes, and as well as the Laws of the Game;

 Should the provisions of these Rules and Regulations be in conflict with the Statutes of various bodies above, then the provisions of the SAFA Constitution shall apply;

RULE 6 - It fields an unregistered, suspended, banned, fraudulently or improperly registered, or in any other way disqualified or prohibited person;

RULE 7 - It fails to fulfil a fixture for which a date and a venue have been fixed by the League.

RULE 8 - It fails to comply with any lawful order or instruction made by the Disciplinary Committee, an official of Association, and/or match officials.

RULE 9 - It fails to comply with or contravenes any order, resolution or code of conduct made or passed by the Competitions Committee;

RULE 10 - It knowingly furnishes incorrect information of whatsoever nature to the Association;

RULE 11 - Its players, officials, servants or duly authorized (express or implied) representatives or supporters commit an offence in terms of CHARGE 12 hereunder;

 In this regard when an offence in terms of the provisions of the Constitution and these Rules and Regulations has been committed, whether by the performance of any act or by the failure to

perform of any act, by a player, official, servant or duly authorized (express or implied) representative of a

 team, such offence shall be deemed to have been committed (and with the same intent, if any) by such a team, and such a team shall be convicted of the same offence jointly the with player, official, servant or duly authorized (express or implied) representative of such a team, and such team shall also be liable to punishment therefore;

RULE 12 - Its supporters misbehave in any manner whatsoever, inside or outside a ground before, during or after a match, no matter on which ground the match is played. Without derogating from the generality of what constitutes misbehaviour on the part of supporters, the following are specifically declared acts of misbehaviour:

- Invasion or attempted invasion of the field of play, save for reasons of crowd safety;
- 2. Causing the abandonment or attempting to cause the abandonment of a match;
- 3. Throwing or attempting to throw missiles, bottles and other objects, whether potentially harmful or

dangerous or not, on to the pitch, or at any person;

- 4. Fireworks and rockets being let off;
- 5. Acts of violence or attempted acts of violence against anyone at the game;
- 6. Failing to conduct themselves in an orderly fashion;
- Insulting or assaulting players, team officials, match officials or any other person present at the game;
- Maliciously damaging or attempting to damage any property at the ground;
- 9. Other acts of unsporting behaviour;

RULE 13 - notwithstanding any provision of these Rules and Regulations, where a team charged with any offence in terms of CHARGE 2, or any other offence relating to the misbehaviour of spectators, such a team shall be guilty of such an offence, if The League shows that there was misbehaviour on the part of any spectators at the ground, unless such team satisfies the Disciplinary Committee that the misbehaving spectators were not its supporters;

RULE 14 - It fails to protect match officials against acts or attempted acts of violence or any other form of abuse before, during or after a match;

RULE 15 - Its players refuse to continue a match or abandon the field of play without permission by the referee, or cause the abandonment of a match;

RULE 16 - Its officials cause the abandonment of a match;

RULE 17 - It fails to immediately report any act of alleged misconduct, within its knowledge, to the Association;

RULE 18 - It fails to immediately report all decisions of suspensions of its officials or players where the period of suspension is six (6) months or longer, to the league manager within fourteen (14) days of the said suspension. In this regard all other teams shall be advised by the Association of the said suspension, within fourteen (14) days of the said notification having been received by the league manager. No person suspended in terms of this Rule shall have his sentence reduced or remitted without consent of The Association.

RULE 19 - It incites, permits or assists any person or body in the contravention of the Laws of the Game, the Constitution and these Rules and Regulations, the SAFA Constitution Ekurhuleni and Rules of the Association, the CAF Statutes and the FIFA Statutes, as well as the Laws of the Game: **RULE 20** - It, inclusive of its officials, players, servants or duly authorized (express or implied) representatives, or supporters commits any act or makes any statement, either orally or in writing, or has been responsible for conduct which is considered ungentlemanly, insulting or improper behaviour, or likely to bring the game, sponsors, any member, the NSFL League, Competitions, SAFA, CAF or FIFA into disrepute; **RULE 21** - It fails to attend a relevant SAFA Disciplinary Committee hearing to which it was summoned or subpoenaed;

RULE 22 - Its officials, players, servants or duly authorized (express or implied) representatives assault, threaten, intimidate, coerce, interfere, mislead or insult a match official, player, official of SAFA, public, press or media, or any other person, before, during or after any match.

RULE 23 - On the part of a player, official, servant or duly authorized (express or implied) representative of a team, official of the Association, members of any subcommittee as the case may be, who:

- Directly or indirectly interrupts, obstructs or disturbs the normal proceedings of a game, before, during or after the match;
- 2. For any corrupt, dishonest or unlawful purpose in connection with a game played under the auspices of the Association, or in connection with the affairs of the Association, gives, offers or promises, whether directly or indirectly, any inducement, reward or bribe of whatsoever nature, to anybody whomsoever;

- 3. Accepts any inducement, reward or bribe referred to in point 2 above;
- Fails to comply with or contravenes any provision of the Constitution, and these Rules and Regulations, the relevant SAFA Constitution and Rules of Association, the CAF Statutes and the FIFA Statutes, as well as the Laws of the Game;
- Fails to comply with any lawful order or instruction made by the Disciplinary Committee and/or match officials;
- Fails to comply with or contravenes any order, resolution or code of conduct passed by the Competitions Board;
- Fails to attend a Disciplinary Committee hearing to which (s)he was summoned or subpoenaed;
- 8. Knowingly furnishes incorrect information, of whatsoever nature, to the Association;
- Assaults, threatens, intimidates, coerces, interferes, misleads or insults a match official, player, official of the Association, public, press or media, or any other person, before, during or after any match;
- Engages in any conduct causing a situation dangerous to the public safety, before, during or after a match;

- 11. Fails to protect match officials against acts or attempted acts of violence or any other form of abuse before, during or after a match;
- 12. Fails to immediately report any act of alleged misconduct within its/his/her knowledge, to the Association;
- 13. Permits or assists any person or body in the contravention of the Laws of the game, the Constitution and these Rules and Regulation, SAFA Constitution and these Rules and Regulations, the CAF Statutes and the FIFA Statutes;
- 14. Uses obscene or other objectionable language in connection with the affairs of the Association;
- 15. Is employed directly or indirectly by the media, which shall include employment by a newspaper, television or radio station, or contributes items or information to any newspaper, television or radio station, without the prior written approval of the Chairperson of the Competitions Committee, which permission shall not be unreasonably withheld;
- 16. Commits any act or makes any statement, either orally or in writing, or has been responsible for conduct which is considered ungentlemanly, insulting or improper behaviour, or likely to bring

the game, sponsors, any member, the Association, NSFL, SAFA, CAF or FIFA into

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RULE 24 - On the part of any player, where (s) he refuses to continue a match, or abandons the field of play without permission by the referee, or causes the abandonment of a match.

RULE 25 - On the part of an official, where the said official causes the abandonment of a match.

RULE 26 - Any team or person who has been found guilty of committing an offence by the Disciplinary Committee shall be liable to such penalties or combination of penalties as the Disciplinary Committee may impose in terms of the Constitution and these Rules and the Regulations.

RULE 27 - Any club, player, official, servant or duly authorized (express or implied) representative of a team, member of the Competitions Board or of a subcommittee who:

- Attempts to commit any offence in terms of the Constitution and these Rules and the Regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable, on conviction, to the same penalties as are competent for a contravention of the Constitution or Rules;
- 2. Is convicted of any criminal offence in relation to all matters and questions relating to football in the Republic of South Africa, shall be deemed to have committed an offence in terms of the Constitution and these Rules and Regulations and, after a hearing, shall be liable to such penalties as the Disciplinary Committee may impose. In this regard, in any disciplinary hearing, a certified copy of the judgment of the convicting court shall be proof of such conviction.

RULE 28 - Officials, players, servants, or duly authorized (express or implied) representatives of a team may attend matches under the auspices of the Association, only on condition that they observe the Constitution, Rules and the Regulations and Laws of the Game.



RULE 29 - Where any statement made by an official, player of a team which is considered ungentlemanly or improper and/or is likely to bring the Association, its sponsors, or any other member into disrepute, is reported in the press or media, the league manager shall notify the said official or player of the said reported statement and enquire from the said player or official whether (s)he denies or admits having made the said statement, to which the said person shall reply within 5 (five) days of receiving the said notification.

- 1. Where such a person admits the said statement, disciplinary action may be taken by the Association.
- 2. Where such a person denies having made the said statement, the said person shall:
 - a. Furnish the League with an affidavit, denying having made that statement within 5 (five) days of receiving notification from the league manager or his representative, and
 - b. Publicly deny and refute such statement at a press conference called by the Association on a date stipulated by the Association.
 - c. Where such a person fails to reply to the notification by the league manager (or his provincial representative), or having denied making the statement, fails to comply with point 1 above, the said statement shall be irrefutably presumed to have been made by such person, and correctly reported by the press or media, and the Association may institute disciplinary action against the person concerned.
 - d. It shall not be a defense against any charge instituted by the Association, to show that the statements were true and in the public interest unless the statement was based on a grievance by the person concerned which was raised and discussed at a Competitions Committee meeting, or at any other appropriate forum of the Association, prior to the statement having been made to the press or media.

Conditions for sanctions

Culpability



- 1. Unless otherwise specified, infringements are punishable regardless of whether they have been committed deliberately or negligently. Acts amounting to attempt are also punishable.
- 2. In the case of acts amounting to attempt, the DC committee may reduce the sanction envisaged for the actual infringement accordingly. It will determine the extent of the mitigation as it sees fit; it shall not go below the general lower limit of the fine
- 3. Anyone who intentionally takes part in committing an infringement, either as instigator or accomplice, is also punishable. The body will take account of the degree of guilt of the party involved and may reduce the sanction accordingly. It shall not go below the general lower limit of the fine.

Various sanctions

- 1. Clubs and Persons are punishable by the following sanctions:
 - Warning
 - Reprimand
 - Fine
 - Expulsion
 - Match suspension
 - NS League Expulsion
- 2. Other sanctions might be imposed:
 - Playing a match without spectators
 - Playing a match on neutral ground
 - Annulment of the result of a match
 - Exclusion from a competition
 - Defeat by forfeit
 - Deduction of point
 - Demotion to a lower division.

Caution

1. A caution (yellow card) is a warning from the referee to a player during a match to sanction unsporting behaviour of a less serious nature.



- 2. Two cautions received during the same match incur an expulsion (indirect red card) and, consequently, automatic suspension from the next match. The two cautions that incurred the red card are rescinded.
- 3. If a player receives a caution in two separate matches of the same NSFL competition, he is automatically suspended from the next match in that competition. The Disciplinary Committee may exceptionally depart from or amend this rule before the start of a particular competition. Any such decision reached by the Disciplinary Committee is final.
- 4. If an abandoned match is to be replayed, any caution issued during that match shall be annulled. If the match is not to be replayed, the cautions received by the team responsible for causing the match to be abandoned are upheld; if both teams are responsible, all of the cautions are upheld.
- 5. If a player is guilty of serious unsporting behaviour as defined in Law 12 of the Laws of the Game and is sent off (direct red card), any other caution he has previously received in the same match is upheld. A direct red card is an automatic two game suspension from all NSFL competition games (League & Cup/Plate)

Expulsion

- 1. An expulsion (Sending off) is the order given by the referee to someone to leave the field of play and its surroundings, including the substitutes' bench, during a match. The person who has been sent off may be allowed into the stands unless he is serving a venue ban.
- 2. Expulsion takes the form of a red card for players and Coaches. The red card is regarded as direct if it sanctions serious unsporting behaviour as defined by Law 12 of the Laws of the Game; it is regarded as indirect if it is the result of an accumulation of two yellow cards.
- 3. An official who has been sent off may give instructions to the person replacing him on the substitutes' bench. He shall, however, ensure that he does not disturb the spectators or disrupt the flow of play.
- 4. An expulsion automatically incurs suspension from the subsequent match, and two additional matches, even if imposed in a match that is later abandoned and/or annulled. The Disciplinary Committee may extend the duration of the suspension.

Match suspension

1. A suspension from a match is a ban on taking part in a future match or competition and on attending it in the area immediately surrounding the field of play.



- 2. The suspension is imposed in terms of matches, days or months. Unless otherwise specified, it may not exceed twenty-four matches or twenty-four months.
- 3. If the suspension is to be served in terms of matches, only those matches actually played count towards execution of the suspension. If a match is abandoned, cancelled or forfeited, suspension is only considered to have been served if the team to which the suspended player belongs is not responsible for the facts that led to the abandonment, cancellation or forfeit of the match.
- 4. If a suspension is combined with a fine, the suspension may be prolonged until the fine has been paid in full.

Forfeit

- 1. Teams sanctioned with a forfeit are considered to have lost the match by 3-0.
- 2. If the goal difference at the end of the match in question is greater than 3-o, the result on the pitch is upheld.

Fines

- 1. A fine is issued in South African Rands (ZAR). It shall be paid in the same currency.
- 2. The fine shall not be less than ZAR 100, and not more than ZAR 20,000.
- 3. The DC imposes the fine and decides the terms and time limits for payment.
- 4. Clubs are jointly liable for fines imposed on their players and officials. The fact that a natural person has left a club or Member does not cancel out joint liability.

Determining the sanction

- 1. The DC pronouncing the sanction decides the scope and duration of it.
- 2. Sanctions may be limited to a geographical area or to one or more specific categories of match or competition.
- 3. Unless otherwise specified, the duration of a sanction is always defined.
- 4. The DC shall take account of all relevant factors in the case and the degree of the offender's guilt when imposing the sanction.

Repeated infringements

- 1. Unless otherwise specified, the DC may increase the sanction to be pronounced as deemed appropriate if an infringement has been repeated.
- 2. These provisions are subject to the special rules governing repeated rule violations.



Concurrent infringements

- If several fines are pronounced against someone as a result of one or more infringements, the DC bases the fine on the most serious offence committed and, depending on the circumstances, may increase the sanction by up to fifty per cent of the maximum sanction specified for that offence.
- 2. The same applies if a person incurs several time sanctions of a similar type (two or more match suspensions, two or more stadium bans etc.) as the result of one or several infringements.
- 3. The DC that determines the fine is not obliged to adhere to the general upper limit of the fine.

Limitation period

- 1. Infringements committed during a match may no longer be prosecuted after the lapse of the current season.
- 2. Prosecution for corruption is not subject to a limitation period.

Commencement of the limitation period

The limitation period runs as follows:

- 1. From the day on which the perpetrator committed the infringement;
- 2. If the infringement is recurrent, from the day on which the most recent infringement was committed;
- 3. If the infringement lasted a certain period, from the day on which it ended.
- 4. From the day the DC is held and the sanction is decided.
- 5. The limitation period is interrupted if the Disciplinary Committee commences proceedings before it has expired.
- 6. The limitation period for sanctions is five years.

Infringements of the Laws of the Game

Minor infringements



A player is cautioned if he commits any of the following offences (12 Laws of the Game):

- 1. unsporting behaviour
- 2. Dissent by word or action
- 3. Persistent infringement of the Laws of the Game
- 4. Delaying the restart of play
- 5. Failure to retreat the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick or throw-in
- 6. Entering or re-entering the field of play without the referee's permission
- 7. Deliberately leaving the field of play without the referee's permission.

Serious infringements

A player is sent off if he commits any of the following offences (12 of the Laws of the Game):

- 1. Serious foul play
- 2. Violent conduct
- 3. Spitting at an opponent or any other person;
- 4. Denying 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 own penalty area)
- 5. 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;
- 6. Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures
- 7. Receiving a second caution in the same match
- 8. Disorderliness at matches and competitions

Misconduct against opponents or persons other than match officials

- 1. Including the automatic suspension incurred, any recipient of a direct red card shall be suspended as follows:
 - a. one match for denying the opposing team a clear goal-scoring opportunity (particularly by deliberately handling the ball)



- b. At least one match for serious foul play (particularly in the case of excessive or brute force)
- c. At least one match for unsporting conduct towards an opponent or a person other than a match official
- d. At least two matches for assaulting (elbowing, punching, kicking etc.) an opponent or a person other than a match official
- e. At least six matches for spitting at an opponent or a person other than a match official.
- f. A fine may also be imposed in all cases.
- g. The right is reserved to punish an offence in accordance with the NSFL Disciplinary Code.

Misconduct against match officials

- 1. Including the automatic suspension, the overall suspension imposed on any person receiving a direct red card shall be for:
 - a. At least four matches for unsporting conduct towards a match official
 - b. At least six months for assaulting (elbowing, punching, kicking etc.) a match official
 - c. At least 12 months for spitting at a match official.
 - d. A mandatory fine will also be imposed in all cases.
 - e. The right is reserved to punish an infringement in accordance with the NSFL disciplinary code of conduct

Brawls

- 1. Involvement in a brawl is sanctioned with a suspension for at least six matches.
- 2. Anyone who has tried merely to prevent a fight, shield others or separate those involved in a brawl is not subject to punishment.
- 3. Unidentified aggressors, if it is not possible to identify the perpetrator(s), the DC will sanction the club to which the aggressors belong.

Team misconduct

- 1. Disciplinary measures may be imposed on Members and clubs where a team fails to conduct itself properly. In particular:
 - a. A fine may be imposed where the referee sanctions at least five members of the same team during a match (caution or expulsion);



b. A fine of at least ZAR 10,000 may be imposed where several players or officials from the same team threaten or harass match officials or other persons. Further sanctions may be imposed in the case of serious offences.

Inciting hatred and violence

1. A player or official who publicly incites others to hatred or violence will be sanctioned with match suspension for no less than twelve months and with a minimum fine of ZAR 5,000. In serious cases, the minimum fine will be ZAR 20,000.

Ineligibility

 If a player takes part in an official match despite being ineligible, his team will be sanctioned by forfeiting the match and the club will pay a fine of ZAR 1,500 – R5,000.

Abandonment

- If a team refuses to play a match or to continue playing one which it has begun, it will be sanctioned with a fine of ZAR 2,000 – ZAR 10,000 and will, in principle, forfeit the match
- 2. In serious cases, the team will also be disqualified from the competition in progress.

Offensive behaviour and fair play

 Anyone who insults someone in any way, especially by using offensive gestures or language, or who violates the principles of fair play or whose behaviour is unsporting in any other way may be subject to sanctions in accordance with the NSFL Disciplinary Code and fined or summoned to appear before a disciplinary hearing.

Discrimination

 Anyone who offends the dignity of a person or group of persons through contemptuous, discriminatory or denigratory words or actions concerning race, colour, language, religion or origin shall be suspended for at least five matches. Furthermore, a



fine of at least ZAR 5,000 shall be imposed. If the perpetrator is an official, the fine shall be at least ZAR 10,000.

- 2. Where several persons (officials and/or players) from the same club or association simultaneously breach par. 1 or there are other aggravating circumstances, the team concerned may be deducted three points for a first offence and six points for a second offence; a further offence may result in demotion to a lower division. In the case of matches in which no points are awarded, the team may be disqualified from the competition.
- 3. Where supporters of a team breach par. 1 at a match, a fine of at least ZAR 5,000 shall be imposed on the club concerned regardless of the question of culpable conduct or culpable oversight.
- 4. Serious offences may be punished with additional sanctions, in particular an order to play a match behind closed doors, the forfeit of a match, a points deduction or disqualification from the competition.
- 5. Spectators who breach par. 1 of this article shall receive a ban from all NSFL grounds for at least two years.

Infringements of personal freedom

Threats

1. Anyone who intimidates a match official with serious threats will be sanctioned with a fine of at least ZAR 2,000 and a match suspension.

Coercion

1. Anyone who uses violence or threats to pressure a match official into taking certain action or to hinder him in any other way from acting freely will be sanctioned with a fine of at least ZAR 3,000 and a match suspension.

Forgery and falsification

 Anyone who, in football-related activities, forges a document or falsifies an authentic document or uses a forged or falsified document to deceive in legal relations will be sanctioned with a suspension of at least six matches and a mandatory fine of ZAR 2,000



2. If the perpetrator is an official, the DC will pronounce a ban on taking part in any football-related activity for a period of at least **twelve months** and a minimum fine of **ZAR 5,000**.

Corruption

- 1. Anyone who offers, promises or grants an unjustified advantage to a match official, a player or an official on behalf of himself or a third party in an attempt to incite it or him to violate the regulations of the NSFL will be sanctioned:
 - with a fine of at least ZAR 5,000,
 - with a ban on taking part in any football-related activity, and
 - with a ban on entering any venue.
- 2. Passive corruption (soliciting, being promised or accepting an unjustified advantage) will be sanctioned in the same manner.
- 3. In serious cases and in the case of repetition, sanction 1 may be pronounced for life.

Failure to respect decisions

- 1. Anyone who fails to pay the NSFL the sanctioned fine amount in full or part, will be fined an additional **ZAR 2,000** for failing to comply with a decision.
- 2. (only for clubs:) will be warned and notified that, in the case of default or failure to comply with a decision within the period stipulated, Games will be forfeited, points will be deducted or demotion to a lower division ordered.
- 3. If points are deducted, they shall be proportionate to the amount owed.
- 4. A ban on any football-related activity may also be imposed against person/s or clubs.
- 5. Any appeal against a decision passed in accordance with this article shall immediately be lodged with the NSFL Appeal Board.

Responsibilities of clubs and Members

Organisation of matches

Home Clubs shall:



- 1. Assess the degree of risk posed by matches and notify the NSFL of those that are especially high-risk.
- 2. Comply with and implement existing safety rules, and take every safety precaution demanded by circumstances before, during and after the match and if incidents occur.
- 3. Ensure the safety of match officials, players and officials of the visiting team during their stay.
- 4. Keep local authorities informed and collaborate with them actively and effectively (especially during festival and tournaments when Venue capacity, Traffic disruptions and large crowds are expected.
- 5. Ensure that law and order are maintained at venue and immediate surroundings and that matches are organised properly.

Failure to comply

- 1. Any Member that fails to fulfil its obligations in accordance with the above 5 points shall be fined **ZAR 5,000**.
- 2. In the case of a serious infringement, additional sanctions may be imposed, such as a venue ban, playing at neutral grounds with or without spectators.
- 3. The right is reserved to pronounce certain sanctions for safety reasons, even if no infringement has been committed.

Liability for spectator conduct

- The home team is liable for improper conduct among spectators, regardless of the question of culpable conduct or culpable oversight, and, depending on the situation, may be fined up to ZAR 5,000. Further sanctions may be imposed in the case of serious disturbances.
- 2. The visiting team is liable for improper conduct among its own group of spectators, regardless of the question of culpable conduct or culpable oversight, and, depending on the situation, may be fined up to ZAR 5,000. Further sanctions may be imposed in the



case of serious disturbances. Supporters occupying the away section are regarded as the visiting association's supporters, unless proven to the contrary.

- 3. Improper conduct includes violence towards persons or objects, letting off incendiary devices, throwing missiles, displaying insulting or political slogans in any form, uttering insulting words or sounds, or invading the pitch.
- 4. The liability described in par. 1 and 2 also includes matches played on neutral ground, especially during final competitions.

Other obligations

Unlawfully influencing match results

- Anyone who conspires to influence the result of a match in a manner contrary to sporting ethics shall be sanctioned with a match suspension or a ban on taking part in any football-related activity as well as a fine of at least ZAR 5,000. In serious cases, a lifetime ban on taking part in any football-related activity shall be imposed.
- 2. In the case of a player or official unlawfully influencing the result of a match in accordance with par. 1, the club or Member to which the player or official belongs may be fined ZAR 5,000.
- 3. Serious offences may be sanctioned with exclusion from a competition, demotion to a lower division, a points deduction.

Referee

During matches, disciplinary decisions are taken by the referee. These decisions are final.



Disciplinary Committee Authority

The SLFA - NSFL Disciplinary Committee is authorised to sanction any breach of NSFL Rules and Regulations which does not come under the jurisdiction of another body

Specific jurisdiction

- 1. The Disciplinary Committee is responsible for:
- 2. Sanctioning serious infringements which have escaped the match officials' attention.
- 3. Rectifying obvious errors in the referee's disciplinary decisions.
- 4. Extending the duration of a match suspension incurred automatically by an expulsion
- 5. Pronouncing additional sanctions, such as a fine.

Jurisdiction of the chairman ruling alone

The chairman of the Disciplinary Committee may take the following decisions alone:

- 1. Suspend a person for up to three matches or for up to two months
- 2. Pronounce a fine of up to ZAR 5,000
- 3. Rule on a request to extend a sanction
- 4. Settle disputes arising from objections to members of the Disciplinary Committee
- 5. Pronounce, alter and annul provisional measures
- 6. Whenever the Disciplinary Committee meets on such occasions as a final competition, the chairman may decide that the decisions mentioned above are taken by the committee.

Appeal Committee

- 1. The Appeal Committee is responsible for deciding appeals against any of the Disciplinary Committee's decisions.
- 2. The chairman of the Appeal Committee may take the following decisions alone:
- 3. Decide on an appeal against a decision to extend a sanction



- 4. Resolve disputes arising from objections to members of the Appeal Committee
- 5. Rule on appeals against provisional decisions passed by the chairman of the Disciplinary Committee Pronounce, alter and annul provisional measures
- 6. Whenever the Appeal Committee meets on such occasions as a final competition, the chairman may decide that the decisions be taken by the committee.

Arbitration

 All disputes with the decisions of the Appeal Board shall be submitted to SAFA Johannesburg for arbitration within seventy-two (72) hours of the decision being made known to the parties in writing, provided that the Arbitrator may, on good cause shown, condone non-compliance with this time limit. Such request for arbitration, or a request for direct arbitration shall be accompanied by a deposit as specified in the Schedule of Fees.

Various types of proof

- 1. Any type of proof may be produced.
- 2. Proof that violates human dignity or obviously does not serve to establish relevant facts shall be rejected.

The following are, in particular, admissible:

- Reports from referees
- Report from assistant referees
- Any Club or Official's report
- Declarations from the parties and witnesses
- Material evidence
- Expert opinions
- Audio or Video recordings.

Evaluation of proof

- 1. The DC will have absolute discretion regarding proof.
- 2. The DC may, in particular, take account of the parties' attitudes during proceedings, especially the manner in which they cooperate with the DC.
- 3. The DC decide on the basis of their personal convictions.
- 4. Match officials' reports and facts contained in match officials' reports are presumed to be accurate.



- 5. Proof of the inaccuracy of the contents of these reports may be provided.
- 6. If there is any discrepancy in the reports from the various match officials and there are no means of resolving the different versions of the facts, the referee's report is considered authoritative regarding incidents that occurred on the field of play.
- 7. Any SLFA/NSFL committee member's report is also considered authoritative regarding incidents that took place outside the field of play.

Notification of decisions

- 1. All of the parties are notified of the decisions.
- 2. Decisions and other documents intended for players, clubs and officials are addressed to the Member concerned on condition that it forwards the documents to the parties concerned.
- 3. In the event that the documents were not also or solely sent to the party concerned, these documents are considered to have been communicated properly to the ultimate addressee four days after communication of the documents to the Club.
- 4. The DC may rectify any mistakes in calculation or any other obvious errors at any time.

Costs and Expenses

- 1. A ZAR 850 DC fee is payable before the DC commences.
- 2. A further **ZAR 350** fee is payable for referee attendance and transport
- 3. Failure to pay the fee before the DC commences will result in the parties being excused, and the DC will proceed without them with the sanctions enforceable.
- 4. Clubs and People summoned to appear before the DC do so at their own expense.

Deliberations

- 1. The Disciplinary Committee deliberates behind closed doors.
- 2. If any oral statements have been heard, they will immediately be followed by deliberations. Deliberations are conducted without interruption, unless there are exceptional circumstances.
- 3. The DC chairman decides in which order the various questions will be submitted for deliberation.



4. The members present express their opinions in the order set out by the chairman, who always speaks last.

Conclusion of the Hearing

- 1. Without prejudice the DC decision contains:
 - The composition of the committee
 - The names of the parties
 - A summary of the facts
 - The grounds of the decision
 - The provisions on which the decision was based
 - The terms of the decision
 - Notice of the channels for appeal.
 - The decisions are signed by the committee secretary.

Decisions without grounds

- The DC may decide not to communicate the grounds of a decision and instead communicate only the terms of the decision. At the same time, the parties shall be informed that they have ten days from receipt of the terms of the decision to request, in writing, the grounds of the decision, and that failure to do so will result in enforcement of the decision.
- 2. If a party requests the grounds of a decision, the motivated decision will be communicated to the parties in full, written form. The time limit to lodge an appeal, where applicable, begins upon receipt of this motivated decision.
- 3. If the parties do not request the grounds of a decision, a short explanation of the decision shall be recorded in the case files.
- 4. The rules governing the Disciplinary Committee apply in the same way whenever the chairman decides alone.

Appeal Committee

- 1. An appeal may be lodged to the Appeal Committee against any decision passed by the Disciplinary Committee, unless the sanction pronounced is:
 - a warning
 - a reprimand
 - a suspension for less than three matches or of up to two months



- a fine of less than ZAR 5,000 imposed on a Player or a Club.
- decisions passed in compliance with the standard fines and sanctions schedule.

Eligibility to appeal

- 2. Anyone who has been a party to the proceedings before the first instance and has a legally protected interest justifying amendment or cancellation of the decision may lodge an appeal with the Appeal Committee.
- 3. Clubs may appeal against decisions sanctioning their players, officials or members. They shall have the written agreement of the person concerned
- 4. Any party intending to appeal must inform the NSFL Appeal Committee of its intention to do so in writing within three days of notification of the decision.
- 5. Reasons for the appeal must then be given in writing within a further time limit of seven days, this seven-day period begins after the first deadline of three days has expired.
- 6. If this requirement has not been complied with, the appeal is not admitted.

Grounds for appeal

- 1. The appellant may object to inaccurate representation of the facts and/ or wrong application of the law.
- 2. The appellant shall submit his petition of appeal in triplicate.
- 3. The petition shall include the claim as well as the reasons and means of proof and be signed by the appellant or his representative.
- 4. Anyone wishing to lodge an appeal shall transfer an appeal fee of **ZAR 5,000** to the SLFA before expiry of the time limit of seven days to formalise the appeal.
- 5. If this requirement has not been complied with, the appeal is not admitted.
- 6. This amount will be reimbursed to the appellant if he wins the case.
- 7. If the appeal is considered to be improper, costs and expenses shall be paid in addition to the deposit.
- 8. The appeal does not have a suspensive effect except with regard to orders to pay a sum of money.
- **9.** The right is reserved for an appeal to be made to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)



	SCHEDULE OF DISCIPLINARY OFFENCES						
	PLAYERS	Automatic Sanction	Admin Fee	DC Hearing	DC Manditory Sanction		
1.1	Second cautionable offence (2 yellow cards sending off)	1 week suspension	Rioo	No	None		
1.2	Minor Assault or dangerous tackle which is bad enough to warrant a sending off For a Professional foul, foul play, abusive language * Note A (Straight Red card)	2 week suspension	R200	Depending on Offence	3-6 Week Ban R500 - R1000		
1.3	Serious Assault (Spitting, Slapping, Punching, Headbutt, Kicking or any physical contact not described as minor) * Note B (Straight Red card)	Suspension until DC	R200	Yes	1-3 Year Ban R1000 - R5000 Fine		
1.4	Taking an active, leading or extended role in a brawl or serious act of assault against players	Suspension until DC	R200	Yes	1-3 Year Ban R1000 - R5000 Fine		
1.5	Assault on a spectator	Suspension until DC	R200	Yes	1-3 Year Ban R1000 - R5000 Fine		
1.6	Minor assault on a referee, assistant referee League official etc	Suspension until DC	R200	Yes	1-3 Year Ban R1000 - R5000 Fine		
1.7	Serious assault on a referee, assistant referee League official etc	Suspension until DC	R500	Yes	Life Ban R5000 - R10 000 Fine		
1.8	Serious verbal abuse or racist comments	Suspension until DC	R500	Yes	1-3 Year Ban R1000 - R5000 Fine		
1.9	If a player accumulates 4 yellow cards for caution offences during the playing season	2 week suspension	Rioo	No	None		
1.10	If a player accumulates 6 or more yellow cards for caution offences during the playing season	4 week suspension	Rioo	No	None		
	CLUB OFFICIALS or SPECTATOR	Automatic Sanction	Admin Fee	DC Hearing	DC Manditory Sanction		
1.11	CLUB OFFICIALS or SPECTATOR Second cautionable offence 2 yellow cards	Automatic Sanction	Admin Fee	DC Hearing No			
1.11					Sanction		
1.12	Second cautionable offence 2 yellow cards	1 week suspension	R100	No	Sanction None 2-6 Month Ban		
1.12	Second cautionable offence 2 yellow cards Minor Assault (Sraight Red card) *Note A	1 week suspension Suspension until DC	R100 R200	No Yes	Sanction None 2-6 Month Ban R1500 - R5000 1-5 Year Ban R1500 - R5000 Fine 3-9 points 1-5 Year Ban R1500 - R5000 Fine		
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Schedule of Offences





NOTES & ADDITIONAL MANDITORY SANCTION

	Minor Assault
	Pushing where the victim does not suffer a serious fall or other injury. Bumping where the victim does not suffer a serious fall or other injury. Attempting to strike, but not making contact or making only oblique or grazing contact which does not inflict injury.
	Serious Assault
В	Any act of assault more serious than those described above as "Minor Assault" Includes, but not limited to spitting, slapping, punching, headbutt, kicking, throwing a projectile or use of any object as a weapon
с	Any period of suspension arising from the accumulation of yellow cards shall commence on notification from the DC secretary. The suspension shall cover all league and cup matches appropriate to the punishment
D	Non-payment of admin fees may lead to a charge of misconduct
E	Any Club whose players accumulate a total of 20 yellow cards in any match under the control of the Association during a season shall be required to appear before a Disciplinary Committee and shall be liable to be warned and / or fined for having permitted its players to violate the Laws of the Game.
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L	Corruption - Anyone who offers, promises or grants an unjustified advantage to a match official, a player or an official on behalf of himself or a third party in an attempt to incite it or him to violate the regulations of the NSFL will be sanctioned:
	●⊠ith a fine of at least ZAR 5,000, ●⊠ith a ban on taking part in any football-related activity.
м	Anyone who fails to pay the NSFL the sanctioned fine amount in full or part, will be fined an additional ZAR 2,000 for failing to comply with a decision. Team and/or Club may be suspended from all further football.
Я	Admission of guilt fines may be paid to prevent further DC hearing and additional sanctions being imposed. This will be at the descretion of the DC

	Manditory Fines Reason	Amount	Comment
о	Fixture nor fullfilled	R500	U6 - U11 (Possible DC)
		R1000	U12 - Older (possible DC)
Ρ	Protest Fee	R1000	
Q	Complaint	R500	
R	DC Fee	R1 200	R850 DC & R350 Referee appearance fee
s	Appeal Fee	R2 500	
т	Team withdrawel from competition	R2 000	
U	Scores not updated within the prescribed 3 days after the match	R500	

