

FV Disciplinary Regulations

An Introduction for Regional Victoria



FOOTBALL
VICTORIA

Agenda

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- Aims & Objectives of the Discipline Regulations
- Key Operational Areas
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 - Yellow Cards (Cautions)
 - Misconduct & Investigations
 - Tribunals & Appeals
- Reporting & Notifications
- Questions & Contact Information



Introduction to the Team



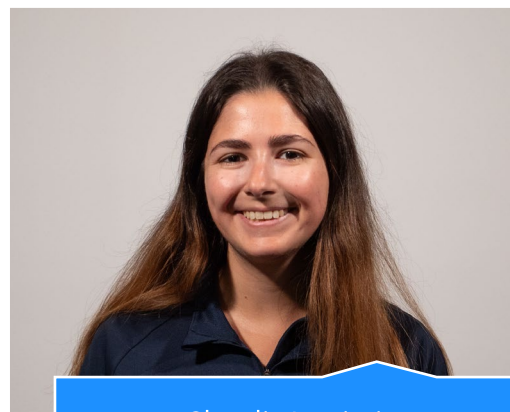
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Discipline & Wellbeing Officer



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Regional Discipline Officer



396
Misconduct
Investigations

49
Tribunal
Hearings

2024 Season Statistics

2,250
Red
Cards

16,589
Yellow
Cards

361
Misconduct
Charges

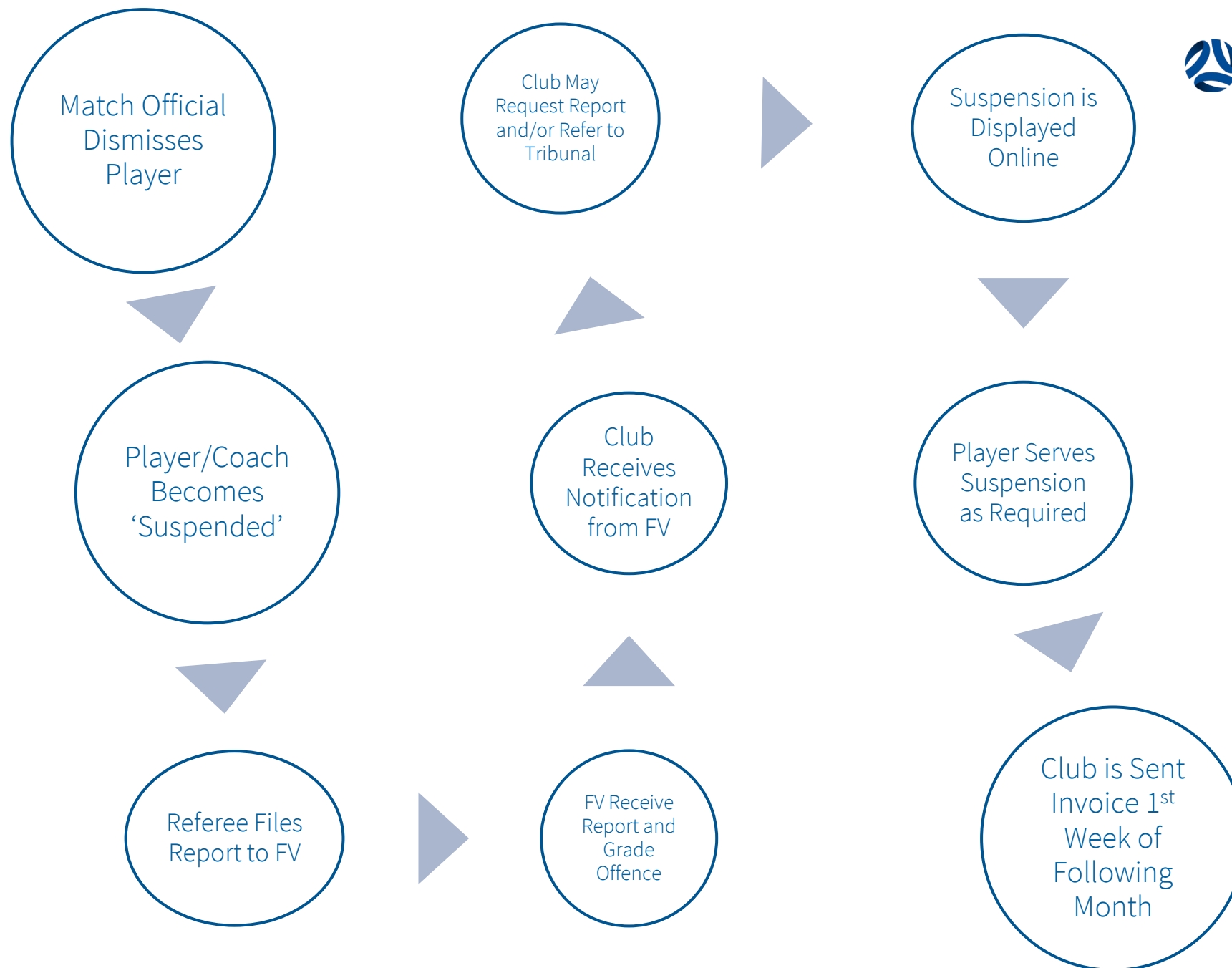
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Aims & Objectives of the Discipline Regulations



- ⚽ Ensure that Club Associates and Match Officials observe the laws
- ⚽ Ensure football is played competitively and fairly in a sporting fashion
- ⚽ Encourage participation in football and advance football as a spectator sport, providing a safe and secure playing/spectating environment
- ⚽ Provide a system which sets out processes, procedures guidelines and penalties for any Club Associate or Match Official who breaches the laws
- ⚽ Ensure that any charges brought against a Club Associate or Match Official at a Tribunal and any appeal from a Tribunal decision are conducted fairly and in accordance with the principles of procedural fairness

Red Cards



Red Cards

- A Club becomes notified of the Players/Coaches Suspension and is 'Suspended' at the point they are dismissed by the Match Official
- Any Player who is shown a Red Card MUST serve an Automatic Suspension unless the Club can evidence mistaken identity – check your Match Record aligns with your understanding on the day
- FV will typically grade and categorise an offence based solely on the Referee Report, but may revise upwards following submission of further evidence
- Suspended Players must not participate as a Player/Coach across any Team whilst serving a Suspension
- A 'Behavioural Offence' (R4, R5, R6 & R8) carries a \$165 fine, whereas a 'Footballing Offence' (R1, R2, R3 & R7) carries a \$137.50 fine



Yellow Cards

- Yellow Card Register is updated each Wednesday afternoon, will now only show players one card away from Suspension, or those who reach a Suspension – e.g. 4, 5, 9, 10, 14 or 15 Yellow Cards
- Clubs can voluntarily stand-down players provided they notify FV first
- Yellow Card accumulation in Australia/Dockerty Cup is counted separately



Yellow Card Accumulation

Role	Number Of Yellow Cards	Sanction (\$ for Senior Comps only)
Player	5	1 Match Suspension / \$137.50 Fine
	10	2 Match Suspension / \$275 Fine
	15	3 Match Suspension / \$550 Fine / Tribunal
Coach	3	1 Match Suspension / \$137.50 Fine
	5	2 Match Suspension / \$275 Fine
	7	3 Match Suspension / \$550 Fine / Tribunal

Yellow Cards

- A Club becomes notified of the Players Suspension once they are sent a Suspension Notice by FV
- Any Club that receives a Suspension Notice from FV must ensure that Player misses a Match for the team they received most YC's playing for
- Errors must be corrected in accordance with relevant Rules and Deadlines – e.g. Match Sheets must be corrected within 7 days, FV must be contacted before a fixture is played (not during or after)



Misconduct & Investigations



Misconduct & Investigations

All Clubs are responsible and liable for the conduct of their Club Associate(s) at or in the vicinity of any Match (3.2(a))

- The majority of Incident Reports stem from Match Officials, however Clubs/Club Associates may also submit them
- FV's efforts are focussed on behaviours which contradict relevant Codes of Conduct and can apply to any Club Associate
- Sanctions may include Suspensions, Fines, Education etc. however, Tribunal have greater scope e.g. closed doors venue, suspension of Competition points



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- Clubs are invited to submit any relevant evidence as part of the Request for Response such as witness statements, VEO footage, medical records etc.
- Please communicate within deadlines
- Charges are issued based on balance of probability
- Please use the RfR process to provide any and all relevant evidence
- Majority of Charges can be referred to Tribunal, however Guilty Pleas are accepted



Tribunals & Appeals

- Matters typically get referred to the Tribunal when:
 - Facts are complex
 - Penalties are significant
 - There is uncertainty regarding an aspect(s)
- FV may refer a matter directly to Tribunal, or else a Club/Club Associate may make a referral for an eligible sanction after paying the applicable fee
- A Tribunal involves relevant Club Associates being available via Teams, FV does not insist on participants attending in person
- FV's Tribunal Panel is comprised of independent volunteers who are typically; Solicitors, Barristers, Sports Integrity experts as well as current and former 'Football People'



Tribunals & Appeals

Tribunal & Appeals Fees

- Tribunal Request Fee - \$350 (non-refundable)
- Tribunal Fasttrack Fee - \$300 (non-refundable)

- Appeals Board Fee - \$1,100 (may only be refunded in specific circumstances)

Deadlines for Referral:

- For Red Cards – by 1pm on the Monday following notification of the offence
- For Misconduct Penalties – by 5pm on the Thursday following notification of the offence

Tribunal Request Fee – FV Rules of Competition Appeal (only applicable where FV administer Competition):

Junior Community - \$1,500 (non-refundable)

Senior Community - \$3,000 (non-refundable)

Advanced Competitions - \$5,000 (non-refundable)



Reporting & Notifications

Incident Reports

Use this link to report 'Incidents' which include; offensive language or behaviour, physical misconduct, fixture abandonments due to misconduct, discrimination etc.

Typically, there is no need to report incidents which are witnessed by a Match Official, as they should lodge their own reports.

bit.ly/FVIncident

Discipline@FootballVictoria.com.au



Reporting & Notifications

Notifications

FV relies on key Club contact information to send notifications regarding Suspensions. These form a crucial part of our working practices and as such, must be up-to-date.

Consistency is crucial regarding deadlines, but communication with FV is always encouraged.



Suspension Register

Yellow Card Register

Misconduct Penalty Register

Discipline Regulations

Tribunal
Determinations

footballvictoria.com.au/suspensions

Head Office:
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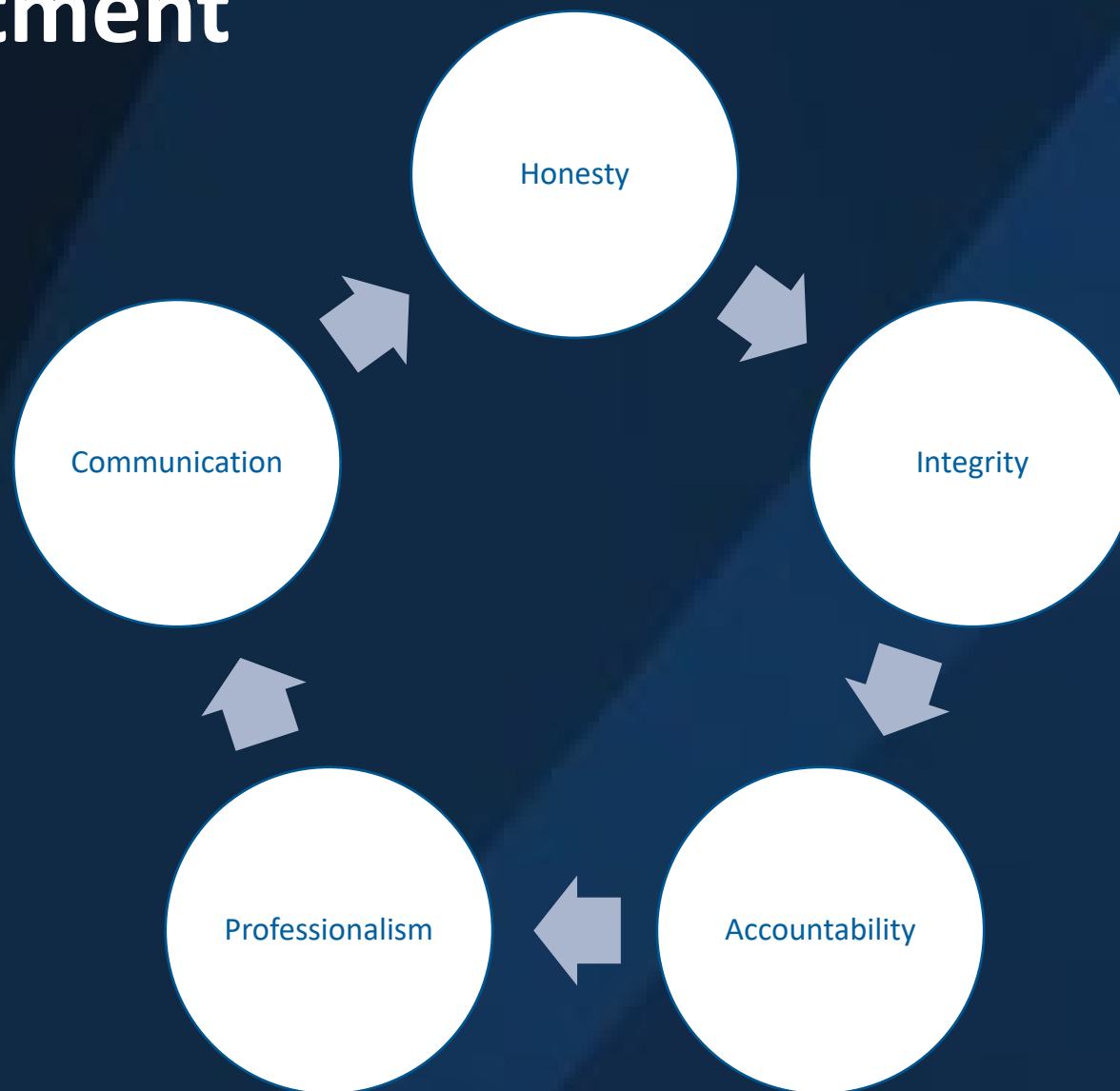
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FV's Commitment





Thank You

Good Luck
for 2025

