



WOMEN'S STATE CUP

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS



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1. OBJECTIVES AND APPLICATION

- a) These Regulations specify the regulations applicable for the conduct of the NNSWF Women's State Cup. These Regulations aim to promote the proper conduct and professional standards of the Women's State Cup. These Regulations form part of the FA Statutes that specify the rules and regulations for the administration of the playing, participating, coaching and officiating in football within NNSWF's jurisdiction.

- b) Definitions are in accordance with [section 28](#).



c) Objectives

- i) The objectives of these Regulations are to:
 - (1) Promote, develop and protect the Women's State Cup by ensuring that appropriate conduct and professional standards apply.
 - (2) Ensure that the Women's State Cup is regulated in a consistent and coordinated manner.
 - (3) Align the Women's State Cup with applicable FIFA, FA and NNSWF Statutes, Regulations and Policies.

d) Application and Scope

- i) These Regulations:
 - (1) Apply to Clubs and/or Teams, Players and Officials participating in the Women's State Cup (Women's State Cup Participants).
 - (2) Apply to all Women's State Cup Matches.
 - (3) Form part of the FA Statutes and NNSWF Regulations to which all Women's State Cup Participants are bound.
 - (4) Do not limit or restrict the application of FIFA, FA Statutes or NNSWF Regulations, including without limitation, the National Code of Conduct for conduct or behaviour of a Club, Player or Official.

e) NNSWF Jurisdiction and Obligations

- i) NNSWF is responsible for the jurisdiction over the Women's State Cup Apply to Clubs and/or Teams, Players and Officials participating in the Women's State Cup (Women's State Cup Participants).
- ii) NNSWF may enforce these Regulations against Women's State Cup Participants.
- iii) NNSWF may investigate potential and actual breaches of these Regulations by or against a Women's State Cup Participant.
- iv) NNSWF may impose disciplinary sanctions against a Women's State Cup Participant found to have breached these Regulations.



2. FIFA LAWS OF THE GAME

The Women's State Cup will be played in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game. These Regulations supplement the FIFA Laws of the Game. A copy of the FIFA Laws of the Game can be found on the FIFA website at www.fifa.com.

A Referee, from the time of entering the field of play for a pre-match Women's State Cup Match inspection until leaving the field of play after the Womens State Cup Match ends (including kicks from the penalty mark), may take the following disciplinary action during a Match:

- a) in the case of a Player, issue a Player Yellow Card in accordance with the Laws of the Game;
- b) in the case of a Player, issue a Player Red Card in accordance with the Laws of the Game; Laws of the Game;
- c) in the case of a Team Official, issue a Team Official Yellow Card in accordance with the Laws of the Game; and/or
- d) in the case of a Team Official, issue a Team Official Red Card in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

3. CONTROL OF THE WOMEN'S STATE CUP

a) Ownership and Control

- i) The ownership, organisation, control and management of the Women's State Cup and any rights associated with it of any nature whatsoever is entirely and exclusively vested in, and remains with, NNSWF.
- ii) NNSWF has the power to make, delete and amend these Regulations for the organisation, control and management of the Women's State Cup from time to time with immediate effect upon giving notice in writing.



b) **Disqualification**

- i) NNSWF has the power to disqualify or suspend Women's State Cup Participants from the Women's State Cup for non-compliance with the FA or NNSWF Regulations including, without limitation, these Regulations.

4. CLUB ELIGIBILITY

- a) In order to participate in the Women's State Cup, a Club must:
 - i) Be a registered with either NNSWF Premier or NNSWF Member Zone Competitions as a Club.
 - ii) Clubs are strictly permitted to enter 1 Team per Club.
 - iii) Complete and submit the prescribed entry form within the timelines as determined by NNSWF;
 - iv) Make payment of the Women's State Cup entry fee within the timelines determined by NNSWF;
- b) Regionally or metropolitan based representative Teams are ineligible to participate in the Women's State Cup inclusive of NNSWF Member Zone Teams.
 - i) For the avoidance of doubt this includes 2 or more Clubs forming a combined Team.
- c) Notwithstanding clause 4 a and b NNSWF will permit the entry of an Indigenous Representative Team.
- d) NNSWF may, in its sole and discretion, reject the application of any Club to participate in the Women's State Cup.

5. TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE

- a) Eligible Clubs accepted to participate in the Women's State Cup will be invoiced \$360.00 (exclusive of GST) which is payable prior to the Tournament or within the stipulated timelines as determined by NNSWF.

6. TOURNAMENT DATES

- a) The 2025 Women's State Cup shall be conducted from Friday 11th July 2025 to Sunday 13th July 2025.

7. VENUE

- a) All Matches shall be hosted at the [Lake Macquarie Regional Football Facility, Speers Point](#).

8. PLAYER ROSTER REQUIREMENTS

- a) Each participating Club must maintain a Women's State Cup Player Roster with the following requirements:



- i) Include a minimum of 14 Players.
 - ii) Not include more than 25 Players.
 - iii) Include a minimum of 2 Goalkeepers. Nominated Goalkeepers are permitted to participate in Matches as outfield Players as required.
- b) The Player Roster must be uploaded to Squadi within the timelines as determined by NNSWF.
- i) Only Players included within the Player Roster shall be considered eligible to participate subject to [section 9](#).
 - ii) Changes to the Player Roster will be accepted up until 5pm Thursday 10th July.

9. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- a) To be eligible to participate in the Women's State Cup, Players must be currently registered to their Club in accordance with the [National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations](#) (including, without limitation, compliance with International Transfer Certificates and transfer requirements) as an amateur.
- b) Eligible Players must be registered with the Club they are listed within the Player Roster as per [section 8](#).
- c) Eligible Players must turn a minimum of 15 years of age by 31st December 2025.
- d) Eligible Players must be selected in the Squadi app for each Match they participate in.
- e) A Player is only eligible to participate for 1 Club during the Tournament.

10. TEAM OFFICIALS

- a) To be eligible to participate in the Women's State Cup, Team Officials must be currently registered to their Club in accordance with the [National Registration, Status and Transfer Regulations](#).
- b) A maximum of 6 Team Officials are permitted to occupy the Technical Area during a Match.
- c) Eligible Team Officials must be selected in the Squadi app for each Match they participate in.
- d) Eligible Team Officials must display supplied accreditation whilst occupying either the Technical Area or restricted access areas within the venue.
- e) Each Club is responsible for appropriate medical provisions and personnel throughout the duration of the Tournament.



11. INELIGIBLE PARTICIPANT

a) Group Stage

- i) A Team found guilty of playing an ineligible Player in any Match shall be ineligible for any points associated with that Match.
- ii) The result of the Match shall be awarded as a 3-0 victory to the non-offending Team unless the score of the Match was greater, and in favour of the non-offending Team, in which case the greater result will stand.
- iii) In determining what is a greater result, NNSWF will give preference to goals for in the first instance (i.e., 4-1 will be considered greater than 3-0)

b) Finals Series

- i) A Club playing an ineligible player in any Finals Series Match shall be disqualified from the Tournament and the opposing Team, shall progress to the next phase of the Tournament.

12. MATCH OFFICIALS

- a) The appointment and management of Match Officials shall be the responsibility of NNSWF.
- b) The payment of match officials is covered in the tournament entry fee.
- c) Match Official payments will be payable by NNSWF in accordance with the following schedule:
 - i) Match Official Payment Schedule:

Centre Referee	Assistant Referee	Fourth Official
\$60.00	\$30.00 (each)	\$25.00



13. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- a) NNSWF reserves the right to adjust or alter the Tournament format if deemed necessary at any time subject to participating Team numbers and/or other circumstances.
- b) The Tournament shall be conducted in 2 phases which include the Group Phase followed by the Finals Series Phase.
- c) **Group Phase**
 - i) Group phase Matches will be conducted across four groups which will be determined following confirmation of Teams participating in the Tournament.
- d) **Finals Series Phase**
 - i) The Finals Series phase shall be conducted in 2 conferences including the Women's State Cup and the Community Plate.
 - ii) **Women's State Cup Finals Series**
 - (1) Following the completion of the group phase Matches the Team ranked first in each group shall advance to the Women's State Cup Final Series.
 - (2) The finals series shall include 2 semi-finals with the 2 winning teams advancing to the Tournament final.
 - iii) **Women's State Cup Community Plate**
 - (1) Following the completion of the group phase matches the highest ranked Community Club Team in each group, that has not already qualified for the Women's State Cup Semi-Finals, shall advance to the Community Plate Final Series.
 - (2) The Community Plate Finals Series shall include 2 semi-finals with the 2 winning teams advancing to the Community Plate Final.

14. TOURNAMENT TROPHY AND AWARDS

- a) NNSWF will present Player medallions and the Women's State Cup trophy to the Tournament winners.
- b) Women's State Cup Finalist medallions will be presented following the completion of the Tournament final.
- c) NNSWF will also present the Community Plate to the respective winners.



15. DRAW PROCEDURE

- a) Clubs accepted into the Tournament shall be drawn from pots and allocated into groups.
- b) 1st Grade NPLW Clubs will be seeded dependent upon their 1st Grade ladder position as determined by NNSWF. Regionally based community clubs will also be seeded to minimise multiple regional clubs in any group.
- c) All Team will be drawn into groups. The number of Teams drawn into each group shall be determined by the number of Teams participating in the Tournament. NPLW Clubs shall be allocated across groups.

16. HOME / AWAY TEAM ALLOCATION

- a) The Team listed first on the fixture draw shall be declared the Home Team with their opposition declared the Away Team for the Match.

17. MATCH DURATION

- a) All Matches will be played over 2 equal periods of 25 minutes.
- b) No stoppage time shall be applied.
- c) A maximum of 5 minutes shall apply for half-time.

18. DETERMINATION OF RESULTS

- a) The result recorded on the Team Sheet by the appointed Match Official shall be the result of the Match and is not subject to appeal.
- b) Official results will be available via the NNSWF website throughout the Tournament.
- c) Group Phase points will be allocated in accordance with the following table:

Win	3 Points
Draw	1 Point
Loss	0 Point



d) **Finals Series**

- i) If a Match is drawn at the conclusion of Normal Time, the result of the Match shall be decided by penalty kicks as per FIFA Laws of the Game.
- ii) No extra time shall be applied.

e) **Incomplete Matches**

- i) In the event a Match is abandoned due to adverse weather conditions or a cause outside the reasonable control of either Club (including its players and officials) during a Match. The result at the time of abandonment shall be declared the final result of the Match.
- ii) NNSWF reserves the right to determine the outcome or future action to be taken with respect to the Match(s) with consideration to the circumstances of the abandonment.

19. DETERMINATION OF GROUP PHASE PLACINGS

- a) In the event of Teams finishing on equal points at the conclusion of the group phase the following will apply to determine Teams advancing to the Finals Series Phase:
 - i) Greatest number of points obtained in all group Matches (If two or more teams are equal on the basis of the above criteria, their ranking shall be determined as follows):
 - ii) The result of the Match played against each other in the group phase
 - iii) The Team with the highest goal difference
 - iv) The Team with the highest goals for
 - v) Fair Play Points System in which the number of Yellow and Red Cards in group Matches is considered according to the following deductions:
 - (1) First Yellow Card (per Player or Team Official) – minus 1 point
 - (2) Second Yellow Card or Indirect Red Card (per Player or Team Official) – minus 3 points
 - (3) Direct Red Card (per Player or Team Official) – minus 4 points
 - (4) Yellow Card and Direct Red Card (per Player or Team Official) – minus 5 points
 - vi) Drawing of lost by Tournament Management

20. FINALS SERIES PHASE

- a) Following the completion of the group round robin phase, 2 separate Finals Series shall be conducted to determine the Women's State Cup and the Community Plate winners.



b) Women's State Cup Final Series Phase

Women's State Cup Semi Finals	M1	Group A 1 st Place	v	Group B 1 st Place
	M2	Group C 1 st Place	v	Group D 1 st Place
Women's State Cup Final	M3	Winner M1	v	Winner M2

c) Community Plate Finals Series Phase

Community Plate Semi Finals	M1	Best Place Community Team in Group B	v	Best Place Community Team in Group A
	M2	Best Place Community Team in Group D	v	Best Place Community Team in Group C
Community Plate Final	M3	Winner M1	v	Winner M2

- i) In the event a Community Club qualifies for the Women's State Cup Finals Series the next ranked Community Club within their group shall advance to the Women's Community Plate Finals Series.
- ii) Community Plate Semi Finals will be determined at the conclusion of the Group Stage. The highest ranked Community side from Group A, C and D will progress to the Community Plate Semi Finals, along with the best Community side runner up from either Group A or C. Semi Finals will be managed so no teams that play each other in the Group Stage will play each other again in the Semi Final.

21. PLAYING STRIPS



- a) All participating Clubs must register a minimum of 2 playing strips (main and alternate) for both outfield players and goalkeepers.
- b) Clubs must nominate their strips on the prescribed form provided by NNSWF and may be required to supply images.
- c) NNSWF, in its absolute and sole discretion, will pre-determine strip allocations for each Match and provide teams with a strip allocation document.
 - i) The Team listed as Home for the Match will be allocated in their main kit.
 - ii) In event on a clash the Away Team may be allocated in their alternate kit for either their outfield or goalkeeper.
 - iii) Clubs will be required to wear the playing strip which is allocated for each Match.
- d) All participating Clubs must have both registered strips available at the venue for all Matches they participate in for unforeseen circumstances.

22. PLAYING NUMBERS

- a) Each Team is permitted to name a maximum of 11 starting players for each match (inclusive of 1 nominated goalkeeper) plus a maximum of 5 interchange Players.
- b) Unlimited interchange shall apply for all matches.
- c) A Team must field a minimum of 7 eligible players at all times during a Match. Failure to do so shall result in the offending team forfeiting the Match.

23. MATCH BALLS

- a) NNSWF shall supply Match quality footballs of the same brand, colour and weight for all Matches.
- b) Size 5 Match balls are to be used for all Matches.

24. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

- a) All disciplinary matters shall be dealt with by NNSWF in accordance with FA National Disciplinary Regulations and Code of Conduct with provision for the following:
- b) **Yellow Cards**



- i) A Player or Team Official who accumulates 3 Yellow Cards during the Tournament (inclusive of both group and finals series phase Matches) shall receive an automatic mandatory 1 Match suspension to be served in the next Tournament Match.
 - ii) Should a Player or Team Official and their Club not progress to the next phase of the Tournament, the Player or Team Official's Yellow Card accumulation suspension shall be expunged.
- c) **Red Cards**
- i) A Player or Team Official who receives a Red Card in a Match shall receive a mandatory 1 Match suspension to be served in the next Tournament Match. NNSWF shall consider each incident individually and issue a notice to the Club with the sanction required to be served including the mandatory Match suspension and Table of Offences detailed in [Schedule 1](#).
 - ii) Should a Player or Team Official's Club not progress to the next phase of the Tournament (inclusive of both group and finals series phase Matches) the following will apply for Red Card infringements:
 - (1) Indirect Red Card – Expunged
 - (2) Direct Red Card – NNSWF will review incident and confirm sanction outcome in writing.
- d) Suspensions Outside of Tournament
- i) Players or Team Officials who have received a Match suspension outside of the Tournament are permitted to participate in the Tournament. Any Match(s) in which they do not participate in will not count towards serving their suspension.
- e) The Womens State Cup is a Zero Tolerance Event and will be played under the Zero Tolerance Policy and relevant regulations.



25. MATCH RECORDS

- a) NNSWF will be implementing the Squadi online competition management and digital team sheet system.
- b) Digital team sheets must be completed and confirmed no later than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled kick off.
- c) Changes are permitted to be made after this point but can only be done by contacting competition management.
- d) Any Team Official supplying false information shall be subject to disciplinary action as determined by NNSWF.

26. DUTY OFFICERS

- a) All Clubs must have a minimum of 1 identifiable Duty Officer present during their Match.
- b) Duty officers are required to:
 - i) Actively patrol the playing arena.
 - ii) Escort Match Officials on and off the playing arena.
 - iii) Be the point of contact with spectators of the Duty Officer's own Club.
 - iv) Report any incidents witnessed to their Club and NNSWF.

27. DISPUTE PROCEDURES

- a) Any dispute or protest must be referred to NNSWF in writing by a Club Executive.
- b) NNSWF's decision shall be final and binding on parties concerned.

28. DEFINITIONS

- a) The following definitions shall apply across these Regulations unless otherwise stated:
 - i) **Active** means in relation to a Player or Team Officials registration status within the FA National Registration System, that the Player or Team Official has paid the required registration fee to the Club.
 - ii) **Automatic / Auto** means with respect to disciplinary sanctions the automatic 1 match mandatory suspension applied as a minimum.
 - iii) **Away Team** means the second listed Team on the Official Fixtures Draw.



- iv) **Business Day** means between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm Monday to Friday with exception of government public holidays.
- v) **Coach** means the person employed, engaged or appointed by the Club (whether paid or unpaid) charged with the primary responsibility of managing, training and selecting players for Matches.
- vi) **Club** has the same meaning as in the NNSWF Constitution.
- vii) **Club Associate** means one or more of the following, whether individually or collectively:
 - (1) Club Director(s), Committee Member(s) and Office Bearer(s).
 - (2) Team Official(s) (including but not limited to a coach, Team manager or anyone who is officially associated with or on behalf of a Club).
 - (3) Player(s) of a Club.
 - (4) Member(s) of a Club as defined in the Club's Constitution.
 - (5) Supporter(s) of a Club.
 - (6) Spectators at a Match, who unless otherwise identified with a Club shall be deemed to be supporters of the Home Club.
 - (7) Any person(s) involved with and/or who contributes to the game of Football in any capacity.
- viii) **Community Club** means a registered Club who participates in competitions organised by affiliated NNSWF Member Zones.
- ix) **Competition Management System** means the online system for all fixtures and results currently contained within the GameDay network.
- x) **Cup Fixture(s)** means matches conducted within a tournament format including but not limited to Women's State Cup.
- xi) **Doctors and/or Medical Certificate** means a written statement from a physician which attests to the result of a medical examination of a patient.
- xii) **Duty Officer(s)** means persons engaged by a Club to fulfil the role.
- xiii) **FA** means the National governing body, Football Australia Limited.
- xiv) **FA National Code of Conduct** means the national code of conduct, as promulgated by FA from time to time.
- xv) **FA National Disciplinary Regulations** means the national disciplinary regulations, as promulgated by FA from time to time.



- xvi) **FA National Registration Regulations** means the national regulations specifying the rules relating to the registration of Players, Clubs, Officials and Competitions with FA, as promulgated by FA from time to time.
- xvii) **FA National Registration System** means the online PlayFootball system used for Player registrations.
- xviii) **FA National Spectator Code of Behaviour** means FA's National Spectator Code of Behaviour which governs the behaviour of spectators present at a Match or otherwise involved in any activity staged by NNSWF or Club in order to enhance the reputation of FA and football generally.
- xix) **FIFA Equipment Regulations** means the FIFA Equipment Regulations as promulgated by FIFA from time to time.
- xx) **FIFA Laws of the Game** means the official Laws of the Game as promulgated by FIFA.
- xxi) **Field of Play** means:
- (1) At an enclosed pitch the entire area within the temporary or permanent perimeter fencing or
 - (2) At an open pitch the entire area within 3 metres of the boundary line of the football pitch.
- xxii) **Finals Series** means the series of Matches contested with qualifying Teams as stipulated in the Tournament Rules.
- xxiii) **Force Majeure Event** means any event beyond the reasonable control of the party affected by it, including any acts of God, fire, explosion, flood, war, acts of terrorism, theft, malicious damage, strikes, lock outs, industrial action of any kind, government regulations or requirement or restraint or intervention.
- xxiv) **Goalkeeper** means the player designated by a Club as that Club's goalkeeper in a Match.
- xxv) **Home Team** means the Team whose name appears first in the Official Fixtures Draw.
- xxvi) **Just Cause** means a legally sufficient reason.
- xxvii) **Kit Matrix or Allocations** means the document provided to all Clubs and Match Officials indicating required playing kits for each Match.
- xxviii) **Match** means any individual Match scheduled by Northern NSW Football for points, or during Finals Series.
- xxix) **Match Official** includes the following:
- (1) NNSWF appointed Senior Match Official (also known as the Referee).
 - (2) Assistant Match Official (also known as Assistant Referee).



- (3) Fourth Official.
 - (4) Match Assessor.
 - (5) Any other person designated by NNSWF as a Match Official.
 - (6) Any individual who acts as a Match Official in any Match.
- xxx) **Mass Walk Off** means where a Team or group of individuals remove themselves from a Match resulting in the Match being abandoned.
- xxxi) **NPLW** means the National Premier Leagues Women's competition conducted by NNSWF.
- xxxii) **Normal Time** means the maximum length of 2 equal periods not including added time as specified in Tournament Regulations.
- xxxiii) **NNSWF** means the Member Federation governing body, Northern New South Wales Football.
- xxxiv) **Official Fixtures Draw** means the Tournament schedule published on the Competition Management System.
- xxxv) **Official Points Table** means the recording of data including points, goal differences and Matches played for the Tournament where points are recorded housed within the Competition Management System.
- xxxvi) **Outfield Player(s)** means the player(s) other than the designated Goalkeeper who participate on the field of play in a Match.
- xxxvii) **Participant** means a person involved in the Tournament which includes but is not limited to a Player and/or Official.
- xxxviii) **Player** means any person who is registered with a Club to participate in the Tournament.
- xxxix) **Red Card** means a Player Red Card or Team Official Red Card, as the case may be.
- xl) **Regulations** means these Tournament Regulations promulgated by NNSWF from time to time.
- xli) **Representative Team** means a Team representing a State or Territory, a region Institute or an Indigenous group that participates in the Tournament.
- xlii) **Roster** means players listed who are eligible to participate for a specific Team with the exception of Player or Officials suspended from time to time.
- xliii) **Senior Match Official** means the most senior appointed Match Official for a Match, usually the Referee.



xliv) **Sporting Advantage** means anything that provides a more favourable position, greater opportunity or a favourable outcome.

xlv) **Team** means Players and/or Team Officials representing a Club in the Tournament.

xlvi) **Team Official** means any person employed or volunteering their services, including but not limited to, a Coach, team manager or physio / sports trainer.

xlvii) **Team Sheet** means the official Match record with details pertaining to Players and/or Team Officials who participated in the Match as well as the result, goal scorers and any disciplinary actions.

xlviii) **Technical Area** means the area marked and designated in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game within which the coach, the interchange Players and the Team Officials must remain during a Match.

xlx) **Tournament** means the Women's State Cup.

l) **Venue** means the venue at which Tournament Matches are staged.

li) **Yellow Card** means a Player Yellow Card or Team Official Yellow Card, as the case may be.

29. SCHEDULE 1

Table 29 Minimum Mandatory Suspensions			
CODE	OFFENCE	GRADING GUIDELINES	PENALTY
R1	Serious Foul Play (Typically, but not limited to, serious foul play when the ball is in play)	1. Careless or reckless tackle	Auto
		2. Attempting to gain possession of the ball using excessive force	Auto
		3. Conduct that endangers the safety of an opponent in a contest for the ball or has the potential to cause serious injury	Auto +1
		4. Conduct causing serious injury	Auto +2
R2	Violent Conduct (Typically, but not limited to, serious foul play when the ball is not in play, and/or playing distance)	1. Minimal contact with an opponent or Club Associate	Auto +1
		2. Violent conduct and / or attempted violent conduct towards an opponent or Club Associate	Auto +1
		3. Serious and / or premeditated violent conduct towards an opponent, Club Associate or cause malicious damage to property.	Auto +2



		4. Serious violent conduct that has caused bodily harm	Auto +3
		5. Violent conduct causing, or with the potential to cause, serious injury	Auto +4
R3	Spitting	1. Spitting at anyone	Auto +4
		2. Spitting on anyone	Auto +8
R4	Denying goal scoring opportunity - Handling the ball		Auto
R5	Denying goal scoring opportunity - Foul		Auto
R6	Offensive, insulting, abusive or intimidating language and/or gestures	1. Using language and / or gestures in frustration	Auto
		2. Using language and/or gestures directed at anyone	Auto +1
		3. Incitement to violence, or repeated use of offensive language and / or gestures, to anyone	Auto +2
		4. Use of discriminatory, homophobic, racist, religious ethnic or sexist language and / or gestures.	Auto +4
R7	Second caution (Yellow Card)		Auto
R8	Offences against Match Officials	1. Unsporting conduct	Auto +4
		2. Using offensive language and / or gestures	Auto +5
		3. Repeated use of offensive language and / or gestures	Auto + 7
		4. Unwarranted contact with and / or conduct with a Match Official	Auto + 7*
		5. Threatening or intimidating language and / or conduct towards a Match Official or conduct reasonably perceived as a threat of physical violence towards a Match Official or their family or property	Auto + 10*
		6. Spitting at or on a Match Official	Auto + 12*
		7. Violence towards a Match Official and / or their family or property	Auto + Direct to Code of Conduct



		8. Violence towards Junior Match Official and / or their family or property	Auto + Direct to Code of Conduct
		9. Use of offensive language and or violence by a Club, Team Official or Club Official aged 18 or over towards a Match Official under 18 years of age	Minimum 12 month suspension.
R9	Team Official Specific Offences (not covered in R1-R8)	1. Delaying the restart of play for the opposition	Auto
		2. Deliberately throwing / kick an object onto the field of play	Auto
		3. Physical aggressive behaviour towards any person other than a Match Official	Auto +2
		4. Entering the field to confront a Match Official at half time or full time	Auto +5
		5. Entering the opposing technical area in an aggressive or confrontational manner	Auto +2
		6. Entering the field to interfere with play or an opposing player	Auto +3
		7. Entering the field to confront a Match Official during a Match	Auto +10*

- a) * NNSWF will assess these charges and may also refer them to the Independent Disciplinary Chair to be dealt with under the Code of Conduct in addition to the minimum sanction.