



WOMEN'S STATE CUP

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS



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1. OBJECTIVES AND APPLICATION

- (1) 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.**

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



b) 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.**

c) 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.

d) 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 an **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.
- e) 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.**
 - (1) 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.**



f) 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.

3. 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) **Have only the component of the Club participate as a senior women's team.**
- iii) Clubs are strictly permitted to enter 1 Team per Club.
- iv) Complete and submit the prescribed entry form within the timelines as determined by NNSWF;
- v) **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.**

4. TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE

- a) Eligible Clubs accepted to participate in the **Women's State Cup will be invoiced \$300.00** (inclusive of GST) which is payable prior to the Tournament or within the stipulated timelines as determined by NNSWF.

5. TOURNAMENT DATES

- a) **The 2022 Women's State Cup shall be conducted from Friday 8th July 2022 to Sunday 10th July 2022.**

6. VENUE

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

7. 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 submitted via the prescribed form 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 5:00pm Friday 8th July.

8. 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 2022.
- d) Eligible Players must be selected on the Team Sheet for each Match they participate in.
- e) A Player is only eligible to participate for 1 Club during the Tournament.

9. 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 on the Team Sheet 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.

10. 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.

11. MATCH OFFICIALS

- a) The appointment and management of Match Officials shall be the responsibility of NNSWF.
- b) 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



12. 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 multiple 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 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.
 - (3) For the avoidance of doubt, the NNSWF Indigenous Representative Team is not eligible to qualify and participate in the Women's State Cup Community Plate Finals Series.



13. 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.

14. 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.
- 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

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. 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.

(1) Official results will be available via the NNSWF website throughout the Tournament.

- b) Group Phase points will be allocated in accordance with the following table:

Win	3 Points
Draw	1 Point
Loss	0 Point



c) 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.

d) 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.

18. 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 lots by Tournament Management

19. FINALS SERIES PHASE

- a) Following the completion of the group round robin phase, 2 separate Finals Series shall be **conducted in order 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	✓	Group B 1 st Place
	M2	Group C 1 st Place	✓	Group D 1 st Place
Women's State Cup Final	M3	Winner M1	✓	Winner M2

c) **Community Plate Finals Series Phase**

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

20. 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.

21. 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.

22. 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.

23. 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.

24. MATCH RECORDS

- a) The Team Sheet must be completed in ink, in a legible manner by both Teams and must contain the names of the Players, Team Officials and Match Officials taking part in the Match.
- b) The Team Sheet must include:
 - i) The name of Teams participating in the Match.
 - ii) The scheduled date and kick-off time of the Match.
 - iii) The venue of the Match.
 - iv) The registered names of the Players participating as either starting or interchange.
 - v) The shirt number of each Player participating.
 - vi) The result of the Match.
 - vii) Goal scorers and any disciplinary actions.
 - viii) A signature by both Teams and the centre Match Official endorsing the information included is correct.
- c) The fully completed Team Sheet must be finalised by both Teams a minimum of 15 minutes to the prior to the scheduled kick off time.
 - i) Changes to the Team Sheet are permitted until the scheduled kick-off time, subject to Match Official notification.
- d) Any Team Official supplying false information shall be subject to disciplinary action as determined by NNSWF.



25. 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.

26. 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.**

27. 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.
- xliv) 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.



28. SCHEDULE 1

Minimum Mandatory Suspensions			
CODE	OFFENCE	GRADING GUIDELINES	PENALTY
R4	Denying goal scoring opportunity – Handling the ball		Auto
R5	Denying goal scoring opportunity – Foul		Auto
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
R3	Spitting	1. Spitting at an opponent or another Club Associate	Auto +4
		2. Spitting on an opponent or another Club Associate	Auto +8
		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 or Club Associate	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
		1. Using language and/or gestures in frustration	Auto
		2. Using language and/or gestures directed at another player or Club Associate	Auto +1
		3. Incitement to violence, or repeated use of offensive language and/or gestures, to another Player or Club Associate	Auto +2
		4. Use of discriminatory, homophobic, racist, religious ethnic or sexist language and/or gestures	Auto +4
		R7	Second caution (Yellow Card)
		1. Unsporting conduct	Auto +3



R8	Offences against Match Officials	2. Using offensive language and/or gestures	Auto +3
		3. Repeated use of offensive language and/or gestures	Auto +4
		4. Unwarranted contact with and/or conduct with a Match Official	Auto + 5*
		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 + 8*
		6. Spitting at or on a Match Official	Auto + 10*
		7. Violence towards a Match Official and/or their family or property	Auto + 10*
		8. Violence towards Junior Match Official and/or their family or property	Auto + Direct to Code of Conduct
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 +1
		4. Entering the field to confront a Match Official at half time or full time	Auto + 3
		5. Entering the opposing technical area in an aggressive or confrontational manner	Auto + 1
		6. Entering the field to interfere with play or an opposing player	Auto + 2
		7. Entering the field to confront a Match Official during a Match	Auto + 5*

- 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.