



2021 DISPUTES AND DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS AMENDMENTS

Capital Football's 2021 Disputes and Disciplinary Regulations reflect major revisions to the previous Regulations. The following summary is general and limited. Capital Football Members and Participants are advised that they should not rely on knowledge of past regulations and should familiarise themselves with the revised document.

Topic	Previous Section	Details and Rationale
Contents	Contents	Reflect changes to both content and order of the Regulations
Scope and Jurisdiction	1	Re-writing and significant expansion of Section to make explicit, and provide clarity on, jurisdiction and powers of Capital Football, delegations to Management, and scope of the Regulations
Previously (2020) 'Infringements of the Laws of the Game' New Section 2 (2021) 'Temporary Dismissals'	2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creation of separate Section to address Temporary Dismissals, and relocation as new Section 2, collation and conceptual ordering of relevant sections from 2020 Regulations 2. New Article 4 – for the purposes of Temporary Dismissals, differentiates 'substitute' players from 'interchange' players in competitions with unlimited interchange.
Previously (2020) 'Infringements of the Laws of the Game', 'Challenging Referee Sanction' and 'Issuing & Serving of Suspensions'	2-4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brings together all articles relevant to yellow and red cards, suspensions and challenges to suspensions. 2. Minor amendments of wording in tables to reflect LOTG and/or reflect appropriate grammatical tense when used in reports 3. New Article 34 – provides for inclusions of yellow and red cards received as both player and official for aggregation purposes 4. New Article 54 – requires decision, and Notice of Suspension to record, as to which football activities a suspension applies to – may involve suspension from multiple activities. 5. New Article 64 – carry over of suspension from previous season to be served in next competition match and precludes

New Section 3 (2021) 'Yellow and Red Cards'		<p>participation in trial matches before the suspension is served.</p> <p>6. New Article 79 – clarifies and specifies Tribunal powers regarding a challenge to a suspension.</p>
<p>Previously (2020) 'Disciplinary Committee' and 'Appeals Committee', respectively</p> <p>New Section 5 (2021) 'Disciplinary, Dispute and Appeal Tribunals and Proceedings'</p>	5-6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draws together articles relating to disciplinary and appeal committees and their processes, and re-orders articles for conceptual flow. 2. Renames Committees as 'Tribunals' to reflect structure (ie, 3 persons) and authority, and clarifies functions and powers. 3. Creates option for Capital Football to appoint 'Special Tribunals' to deal with complaints or disputes. 4. New Article 1 – makes delegations to Management explicit. 5. New Articles 5-9 – formalises appointment of Tribunal Chairs by Board. 6. New Article 10 – makes explicit that Tribunal Chairs and Members are accountable under CF Code of Conduct. 7. New Article 12 – recognises power by the Board to remove a Tribunal Chair. 8. New Articles 13-19 – provides for the creation and operation of Special Tribunals for disputes (including complaints). 9. New Articles 20-59 – provides comprehensive and explicit details on Tribunal proceedings, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Definition of proceedings b. Conduct of hearings c. Definition of Affected Parties d. Presumptions and dealings with Referee Reports and Referees at Tribunals 10. New Articles 60-68 – details grounds of appeal and appeal processes. 11. New Articles 68-69 – details 'contempt' against Tribunals. 12. New Article 70 – provides for immunity for Capital Football, its employees, and Tribunal members for matters arising in or from proceedings and determinations.
<p>Previously (2020) 'Misconduct and Bringing the Game into Disrepute.</p> <p>New Section 4 (2021) 'Misconduct'</p>	7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Defines 'misconduct', 'bringing the game into disrepute', and 'against the interests or prejudicial' in detail. 2. Clarifies the scope of 'misconduct'. 3. New Article 1.7 – makes explicit that contempt of a Tribunal constitutes misconduct. 4. New Articles 8-15 – Makes explicit and provides clarity on Club Liability for misconduct of players, officials, supporters, spectators. 5. New Articles 16-24 – provides details on the processes and timelines for bringing charges of misconduct.
Previously (2020) 'Mediation'	8	Incorporated as new Articles 25-28 in new Section 4 'Misconduct'.
<p>Previously (2020) Schedules 1-4</p> <p>Suspensions, Sanctions, Fees, Costs and New Schedules (2021) 1-6</p>	Schedules	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New Articles 2-6 – makes explicit delegations and powers of management related to suspensions and clarifies scope. 2. New Articles 9-18 – makes explicit the powers and scope of sanctions available to Tribunals, incorporating FFA provisions previously only referenced in the Regulations. 3. New Articles 19-24 – makes explicit the power to award costs of proceedings against respondents found guilty and considerations in awarding such costs. 4. New Articles 25-30 – addresses the payment of fines and costs. 5. New Schedule 1 – details the types of sanctions available in disciplinary proceedings. 6. New Schedule 2 – summarises suspensions relating to accumulated dismissals and cards. 7. New Schedule 3 – articulates penalties for second and further offences, includes 'grab' in the definition of R2-02, and strengthens penalties overall.

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. New Schedule 4 – provides a single schedule for offences against Officials, articulates penalties for second and further offences, strengthens penalties overall. 9. New Schedule 5 – updates and makes explicit general Participant conduct that may be sanctioned, articulates penalties for second and further offences, strengthens penalties overall. 10. New Schedule 6 – specifies fees for challenging suspensions and for Tribunal proceedings.
Definitions	Definitions	<p>Significant update of definitions to assist Participants, including definitions for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Balance of probabilities 2. Detrimental 3. Derogatory 4. Disrepute 5. Exceptional Circumstances 6. Football Related Activities 7. Management 8. Mêlée 9. Procedural Fairness 10. Proceedings 11. Prohibited Items 12. Public Statement 13. Relevant Consideration 14. Second+ 15. Spectating, Spectator and Supporters 16. Vexatious