



DISCIPLINARY CODE

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PART I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1: Scope and Application

1.1 This Disciplinary Code applies to all Kings League competitions and shall be the competent framework to apply necessary sanctions to unsportsmanlike behavior or conduct that goes against the spirit of the Competition.

1.2 This Code applies to:

- All registered players
- Team Presidents and their designated representatives
- Presidential Guests
- Team staff, coaches, and officials
- Match officials
- Any person with authorization from Kings League for matches or events
- Supporters and spectators where applicable

1.3 The Competition and Disciplinary Committee will be responsible for reviewing, sanctioning, and/or cautioning violations of this Code, and may impose fines on players and/or Team Presidents who do not ensure proper functioning and development of the game.

1.4 This Code applies to conduct:

- During matches (including pre-match and post-match)
- At Competition facilities
- On social media and public forums
- At any Kings League related event or activity

The Disciplinary Committee has the power to amend the content of the Disciplinary Code at any time. The Disciplinary Committee has the power to override any of the content of the entire Disciplinary Code at any time.

Article 2: Definitions

2.1 Disciplinary Committee: A body comprising three (3) members appointed by Kings League to review and decide on extraordinary disciplinary matters that require review beyond automatic sanctions.

2.2 Match Suspension: Prohibition from participating in a specified number of matches, including exclusion from field of play, technical area, and team communications during the suspension period.

2.3 President: The designated team owner/president of a Kings League team who holds ultimate responsibility for their team's conduct.

2.4 Presidential Guest: Any individual invited by a President to team areas, VIP zones, or given special access during competitions.

2.5 Standard Suspension: A ban on taking part in a match with prohibition from entering the technical area and field of play from 75 minutes before kick-off until 15 minutes after the final whistle.

2.6 Competition Committee: The body responsible for the day-to-day disciplinary matters and automatic sanctions.

Article 3: Responsibility

3.1 Clubs are responsible for the conduct of their players, officials, Presidents, Presidential Guests, and supporters, and may be held liable even if they can prove absence of fault or negligence.

3.2 Infringements are punishable regardless of whether committed deliberately or negligently.

3.3 Attempted infringements are also punishable, with sanctions at the Committee's discretion.

3.4 Anyone who participates in committing an infringement, whether as instigator or accomplice, may be sanctioned. The degree of involvement will be considered when determining sanctions.

3.5 Presidents bear special responsibility for:

- Their own conduct and that of their guests
- Ensuring team compliance with Competition rules
- Setting the standard for sportsmanship

Article 4: The Disciplinary Committee

4.1 Composition and Independence

- A body comprising three (3) members appointed by Kings League
- Members must have no direct affiliation with any participating team
- Decisions are made by majority vote
- The Committee operates independently without instruction from any other body

4.2 Powers and Authority The Committee has authority to:

- Review serious disciplinary infractions that escaped match officials' attention
- Rectify obvious errors in referee disciplinary decisions
- Extend or reduce sanctions based on case review
- Impose extraordinary sanctions for unprecedented violations
- Review appeals against automatic sanctions
- Act on matters brought to its attention outside normal reporting channels

4.3 Scope of Sanctions The Committee may impose:

- Warnings and reprimands
- Match suspensions
- Monetary fines
- Competition point deductions
- Competition expulsion
- Temporary or permanent competition bans
- Any combination of the above

4.4 The Committee reserves discretion to adopt other disciplinary measures for violations of the Competition's good name and sporting spirit.

Article 5: Duty to Collaborate

5.1 All parties must act in good faith throughout disciplinary proceedings.

5.2 Parties must collaborate to establish facts, including:

- Responding to information requests within stipulated timeframes
- Providing requested evidence
- Attending hearings when required

5.3 Failure to collaborate may result in:

- Additional sanctions
- Decisions made based on available evidence
- Contempt charges

5.4 Any attempt to mislead or obstruct the Committee constitutes a separate violation subject to severe sanctions.

PART II - SANCTIONS

Article 6: Types of Sanctions

6.1 **Available Sanctions** include:

- Caution (Yellow Card)
- Dismissal (Red Card)
- Match suspension (1 to unlimited matches)
- Monetary fines (to unlimited)
- Time penalty (playing with reduced players)
- Point deduction
- Competition expulsion
- Prohibition from Competition facilities
- Social media restrictions
- Permanent ban from Kings League activities

6.2 **Application Principles**

- Sanctions are applied progressively based on severity
- Repeat offenses receive enhanced sanctions
- Multiple sanctions may be combined
- The Committee may impose alternative sanctions when appropriate

Article 7: Cautions (Yellow Cards)

7.1 **Group Stage**

- Players accumulating 3 cautions: 1-match suspension

- If the 3rd caution is accumulated in the last Group Stage fixture, then the suspension will begin at the start of the Knockout Phase

7.2 Knockout Phase

- Cautions accumulated in the Group Stage are cleared before the start of the Knockout Phase
- There are no accumulation suspensions in the Knockout Phase
- For clarification, any games after the Group Stage are considered to be Knockout Phase.

7.3 General Provisions

- 2 cautions in the same match equal dismissal
- Cautions received during abandoned matches that are replayed are annulled
- Cautions in forfeited matches stand

7.4 Officials and Staff

- Accumulation of 2 cautions: 1-match suspension
- Accumulation of 4 cautions: 2-match suspension
- Cautions accumulated in the Group Stage are cleared before the start of the Knockout Phase
- There are no accumulation suspensions in the Knockout Phase
- Team officials receiving cautions face enhanced fines
- If the 2nd or 4th caution is accumulated in the last Group Stage fixture, then the suspension will begin at the start of the Knockout Phase

Article 8: Dismissals (Red Cards)

8.1 Automatic Consequences

- Immediate expulsion from match
- Automatic 1-match suspension minimum
- Additional sanctions based on offense nature

8.2 Direct Red Card Offenses

- Serious foul play
- Violent conduct
- Spitting
- Headbutting
- Denying obvious goal-scoring opportunity (DOGSO)
- Offensive, insulting, or abusive language/gestures
- Receiving second caution

8.3 Post-Dismissal Requirements

- Dismissed individual must leave technical area immediately
- No communication with team during remainder of match
- Must leave Competition premises within reasonable time
- Failure to comply may lead to additional sanctions

Article 9: Minimum Sanctions for Offences

It must be noted that the following suspensions are only the minimum suspensions for the corresponding offenses. The suspension for any offense not explicitly outlined below will always be decided by the relevant Competition Committee or Disciplinary Committee. The Disciplinary Committee reserves the right, at its discretion, to adjust these minimum suspensions at any point in time throughout the Competition as it sees fit. The Disciplinary Committee will always have the final judgement on the sanction and/or the categorisation of any disciplinary case.

9.1 Player Offenses - Technical

- Denying obvious goal-scoring opportunity (DOGSO): 1-match suspension

9.2 Player Offenses - Physical

- Violent conduct: 2-match suspension
- Serious foul play: 1-match suspension
- Spitting at opponent/person: 3-match suspension
- Headbutting: 3-match suspension
- Physical assault (causing injury): 5-match suspension

9.3 Player Offenses - Verbal/Gestural

- Offensive, insulting or abusive language/gestures: 1-match suspension
- Discriminatory language/gestures: 2-match suspension
- Threatening behavior: 2-match suspension

9.4 Offenses Against Match Officials

- Offenses against match officials will be treated independently and the Disciplinary Committee will decide the appropriate sanction based on the offense
- Offenses against match officials will carry severe sanctions up to and including a lifetime ban from all Kings League competitions

9.5 Team Official Offenses

- Receiving second caution: 1-match suspension
- Physical or aggressive behaviour: 2-match suspension
- Violent conduct: 3-match suspension
- Offensive, insulting or abusive language/gestures: 1-match suspension
- Entering the opposing technical area in an aggressive or confrontational manner: 1-match suspension
- Deliberately throwing/kicking an object on to the field of play: 1-match suspension
- Entering the field of play to confront a match official: 1-match suspension
- Entering the field of play to interfere with play, a player or match official: 1-match suspension
- Using unauthorised electronic or communication equipment and/or behaving in an inappropriate manner as a result of using said equipment: 1-match suspension

9.6 President/Staff Sanctions

Minor Infractions (First Offense)

- To be determined by the appropriate Competition Committee or Disciplinary Committee (reference may be made to Article 9)

Serious Infractions (First Offense)

- To be determined by the appropriate Competition Committee or Disciplinary Committee (reference may be made to Article 9)

Very Serious Infractions (First Offense)

- To be determined by the appropriate Competition Committee or Disciplinary Committee (reference may be made to Article 9)

9.7 Voluntary immediate apology may be considered as mitigating factor, potentially reducing sanctions.

Article 10: Suspension

10.1 Service of Suspensions

- Must be served consecutively with any other suspensions
- All suspensions will apply to the individual and will transfer across teams. For example, yellow card accumulation suspensions and red card suspensions will remain in place against the individual for the entire competition. Carryover of sanctions between competitions is outlined in 12.2
- Automatic suspensions take priority
- Cannot be served in matches where player is otherwise ineligible

10.2 Suspension Restrictions During suspension period, individuals cannot:

- Enter field of play or surrounding areas
- Sit in technical area or team bench
- Communicate with team during matches (including electronic communication)

10.3 Access During Suspension

- Suspended individuals may observe from designated spectator areas
- Must maintain distance preventing communication with team
- Violation of suspension terms results in extended suspension

10.4 Special Provisions

- Suspensions in final matches may be partially waived for ceremonial purposes at Committee discretion
- Medical emergencies override suspension restrictions

Article 11: Economic Sanctions

11.1 Payment and Enforcement

- Clubs or specific individuals responsible for all fines imposed
- Non-payment may result in point deductions or competition exclusion

Article 12: Carryover of Sanctions

12.1 Within Same Competition

- Suspensions carry through all phases of same competition (except for yellow card accumulation which is outlined in Article 7)
- Economic sanctions remain until paid
- Serious infractions may affect participation in subsequent phases

12.2 Between Competitions

- Suspensions carry between regional club competitions (e.g. between Regular Split – Cup and Cup – Regular Split). Ordinarily, suspensions do not carry between regional and international club competitions (e.g. between Regular Split – KWCC and KWCC – Regular Split) however very serious individual infractions may result in cross-competition bans, at the discretion of the relevant Committee. For the avoidance of doubt, any regional club competitions that have qualification to international finals or tournaments are deemed to be separate competitions and therefore suspensions will not carry.
- Ordinarily, suspensions do not carry between club and nation, however very serious individual infractions may result in cross-competition bans, at the discretion of the relevant Committee (e.g. between club and nation)
- Discrimination and violence sanctions apply to all Kings League activities

Article 13: Suspension of Implementation

13.1 The Committee may suspend implementation of sanctions, placing the offender on probation for up to one year.

13.2 Conditions for suspended sanctions:

- First-time offense
- Demonstrated remorse
- Minor nature of infraction
- Positive contribution to Competition

13.3 If offender commits another infringement during probation:

- Original sanction activated immediately
- New sanction added
- No further suspension of implementation available

13.4 Match manipulation and discrimination sanctions cannot be suspended.

PART III - INFRACTIONS

Article 14: Classification of Infractions

14.1 **Classification System** Infractions are classified based on:

- Severity of action
- Intent

- Impact on Competition
- Repeat offense status

14.2 Progressive Discipline

- First minor infraction: Standard sanction
- Second minor infraction: Elevated to serious
- Pattern of infractions: Committee review for enhanced sanctions

14.3 Combination Infractions

- Multiple infractions in single incident: Sanction based on most serious plus up to 50% enhancement
- Continuous misconduct: Treated as single serious infraction

Article 15: Minor Infractions

15.1 Examples Include:

- Disrespect toward referee, player, or Competition member
- Inappropriate addressing of officials
- Not following Competition instructions repeatedly
- Causing minor damage to Competition property

15.2 Sanctions:

- Players/Staff: To be determined by the appropriate Competition Committee or Disciplinary Committee (reference may be made to Article 9)
- Presidents: To be determined by the appropriate Competition Committee or Disciplinary Committee (reference may be made to Article 9)
- Repeat offenses elevated to serious infractions

15.3 Accumulation

- Three minor infractions in single matchday = serious infraction
- Five minor infractions in competition phase = automatic review

Article 16: Serious Infractions

16.1 Examples Include:

- Repeated minor infractions (2+ in same matchday)
- Insulting or aggressive behavior toward officials
- Throwing objects toward field (not at persons)

16.2 Sanctions:

- Players/Staff: To be determined by the appropriate Competition Committee or Disciplinary Committee (reference may be made to Article 9)
- Presidents: To be determined by the appropriate Competition Committee or Disciplinary Committee (reference may be made to Article 9)
- Additional sanctions are discretionary

16.3 Enhanced Sanctions

- During crucial matches (finals, decisive games): +50% sanction
- Against match officials: Doubled sanctions

Article 17: Very Serious Infractions

17.1 Examples Include:

- Repeated serious infractions
- Physical assault on any person
- Serious injury-causing actions
- Match official intimidation or assault
- Invasion of restricted areas (VAR room, referee room)
- Serious discriminatory behavior

17.2 Sanctions:

- Players/Staff: To be determined by the appropriate Competition Committee or Disciplinary Committee (reference may be made to Article 9)
- Presidents: To be determined by the appropriate Competition Committee or Disciplinary Committee (reference may be made to Article 9)
- Immediate Competition review required

17.3 Mandatory Reporting

- All very serious infractions automatically referred to Disciplinary Committee
- Immediate interim suspension may apply
- Criminal behavior reported to authorities

Article 18: Team Misconduct

18.1 Mass Confrontation

- 5+ players involved in confrontation: Fine determined by the appropriate Competition Committee or Disciplinary Committee
- Both teams involved: Both clubs sanctioned
- Peacemakers exempt from sanctions

18.2 Cumulative Team Discipline

- 5+ cautions in single match: Warning + fine determined by the appropriate Competition Committee or Disciplinary Committee
- 7+ cautions in single match: Fine and potential further penalty determined by the appropriate Competition Committee or Disciplinary Committee
- 3+ dismissals in single match: Committee review + fine determined by the appropriate Competition Committee or Disciplinary Committee

18.3 Systematic Misconduct

- Pattern of infractions across multiple matches
- Committee review for point deductions
- Possible competition exclusion

Article 19: Abandonment

19.1 Discriminatory Abandonment

- If referee abandons due to discriminatory behavior: Automatic forfeiture
- Enhanced sanctions apply
- Potential multi-match penalty

Article 20: Brawls

20.1 **Definition:** Three or more individuals engaged in violent conduct simultaneously.

20.2 Sanctions:

- Participants: To be determined by the appropriate Competition Committee or Disciplinary Committee (reference may be made to Article 9)
- Instigators: To be determined by the appropriate Competition Committee or Disciplinary Committee (reference may be made to Article 9)
- Peacemakers: No sanction if clearly attempting to separate

20.3 Team Sanctions:

- Potential competition expulsion for severe cases

PART IV - SPECIFIC CONDUCT VIOLATIONS

Article 21: Presidents and Presidential Guests Conduct

21.1 **Presidential Responsibilities** Presidents must:

- Set exemplary standards of behavior
- Control and be responsible for their guests
- Respect all Competition members and officials
- Maintain dignity of their position
- Not interfere with match proceedings

21.2 **Enhanced Sanctions for Presidents** All presidential infractions receive enhanced sanctions:

- Minimum sanctions doubled compared to players
- Public nature of role considered aggravating factor
- Media statements subject to strictest standards

21.3 Presidential Guest Violations

21.3.1 Guest Responsibility

- Presidents fully responsible for guest behavior
- Guest violations sanctioned as if committed by President
- Multiple guest violations result in guest privileges suspension

21.3.2 Prohibited Guest Actions:

- Entering restricted areas
- Interfering with match officials or players
- Making public statements on behalf of team
- Engaging in discriminatory behavior
- Confronting opposing team members

21.3.3 Guest Sanctions:

- First offense: Warning to President + President fine to be determined
- Second offense: Guest banned + President fine to be determined
- Serious offense: Guest banned + Potential President suspension. Full Disciplinary Committee review

21.4 Presidential Media Obligations

- Must attend mandatory media if required
- Cannot delegate controversial responses to others
- Responsible for all official team communications

Article 22: Media and Social Media Conduct

22.1 Prohibited Content:

- Criticism of referee decisions implying bias or corruption
- Personal attacks on Competition members
- Discriminatory content of any nature
- Confidential Competition information
- False or manipulated information
- Content bringing Competition into disrepute

22.2 Platform Coverage This applies to:

- All social media platforms
- Traditional media interviews
- Podcasts and streaming content
- Club official communications
- Personal accounts of team members

22.3 Sanctions for Media Violations:

Players/Staff:

- First offense: Warning and/or Team fine to be determined
- Second offense: Team fine to be determined
- Serious offense: Disciplinary Committee review

Presidents:

- First offense: Warning and/or Team fine to be determined
- Second offense: President fine to be determined
- Serious offense: Disciplinary Committee review

22.4 Pre-Match Comments

- No comments about appointed officials before matches
- Violation: Team fine to be determined and potential suspension for individual
- President violations: President fine to be determined + potential match viewing ban

22.5 Responsibility for Content

- Individuals responsible for all content on their accounts
- "Hacking" defense requires evidence
- Reposting/sharing equals endorsement
- Clubs responsible for official account content

Article 23: Match Officials Conduct

23.1 Standards for Match Officials Match officials must:

- Maintain absolute impartiality
- Avoid conflicts of interest
- Maintain professional standards
- Respect all participants
- Avoid public commentary on decisions

23.2 Prohibited Actions:

- Betting on any Kings League matches
- Public criticism of other officials
- Inappropriate social media activity
- Fraternalization with team members during competition
- Accepting gifts or benefits from teams

23.3 Sanctions for Officials:

- Minor misconduct: Warning + retraining
- Serious misconduct: Suspension from officiating
- Very serious misconduct: Permanent removal from officiating
- Integrity violations: Lifetime ban + potential legal action

23.4 Reporting and Review

- All match official conduct reviewed by Competition Committee
- Teams may report concerns through official channels
- Video review utilized for performance assessment

Article 24: Discrimination

24.1 Zero Tolerance Policy Kings League has zero tolerance for discrimination based on:

- Race or ethnicity
- Color
- Language
- Religion

- Political opinion
- National or social origin
- Gender or gender identity
- Sexual orientation
- Disability
- Any other status

24.2 Individual Violations

Players/Staff:

- Multi-match suspension
- Monetary fine to club
- Mandatory education program
- Public apology required
- Potential lifetime ban for severe cases

Presidents:

- President fine to be determined
- Competition suspension
- Potential team sanctions
- Possible ownership review

24.3 Club Responsibility

- Must take preventive measures
- Required to cooperate with investigations
- Face collective sanctions for systematic issues

Article 25: Inciting Hatred or Violence

25.1 Prohibited Actions:

- Public incitement to hatred
- Calls for violence against any person or group
- Inflammatory statements designed to provoke
- Use of symbols associated with hatred
- Coordinated harassment campaigns

25.2 Sanctions:

- Potential ban from all activities
- Monetary fine
- Criminal referral where applicable
- Permanent ban consideration

25.3 Aggravating Factors:

- Use of social media for amplification
- Match day offenses
- Targeting vulnerable groups
- Repeat offenses

Article 26: Provoking the Public

26.1 **Definition:** Actions designed to incite negative crowd reaction or create hostile atmosphere.

26.2 Examples:

- Excessive celebration toward opposing fans
- Gestures intended to provoke
- Throwing objects toward crowd
- Inappropriate interaction with spectators

26.3 Sanctions:

- Players: To be determined by the appropriate Competition Committee or Disciplinary Committee (reference may be made to Article 9)
- Presidents/Staff: To be determined by the appropriate Competition Committee or Disciplinary Committee (reference may be made to Article 9)
- Enhanced sanctions if violence results

PART V - INTEGRITY VIOLATIONS

Article 27: Corruption

27.1 Prohibited Conduct:

- Offering bribes or improper advantages
- Accepting bribes or improper advantages
- Attempting to influence Competition officials
- Improper gift giving/receiving
- Conflict of interest violations

27.2 Sanctions:

- To be determined by the Disciplinary Committee
- Includes suspension and monetary fine
- Maximum lifetime ban
- Criminal prosecution referral
- Team sanctions if club involved

27.3 Passive Corruption

- Same sanctions apply for soliciting or accepting
- Failure to report corruption attempts sanctioned
- Whistleblower protections in place

Article 28: Match Manipulation

28.1 **Definition:** Any attempt to arrange or influence match result outside sporting competition.

28.2 Prohibited Actions:

- Match fixing
- Spot fixing (manipulating specific events)
- Providing inside information for betting
- Betting on own matches
- Instructing underperformance

28.3 Sanctions:

- Potential long term ban from all Kings League competition
- Lifetime ban typical
- Maximum available fines
- Criminal prosecution
- Team expulsion from all competition if club involved

28.4 Reporting Obligations

- Mandatory immediate reporting of approaches
- Failure to report: Potential long term ban from all Kings League competition
- Protection for whistleblowers
- Anonymous reporting available

Article 29: Forgery and Falsification

29.1 Covered Actions:

- Document forgery
- False player registration
- Age falsification
- Medical document falsification
- False evidence in proceedings

29.2 Sanctions:

- Individual: Ban to be determined by the Disciplinary Committee
- Club liability for official's actions
- Competition results may be reversed
- Title stripping possible

Article 30: Coercion or Undue Influence

30.1 Against Match Officials:

- Threats or pressure: To be determined by the Disciplinary Committee
- Attempting to influence review: To be determined by the Disciplinary Committee
- Post-match confrontation: Enhanced sanctions

30.2 Against Other Participants:

- Threatening players/staff: To be determined by the Disciplinary Committee
- Pressuring for favorable treatment: To be determined by the Disciplinary Committee
- Blackmail or extortion: Lifetime ban consideration

PART VI - PROCEDURES

Article 31: Reporting Infractions

31.1 Time Limits:

- Standard reporting: Within 24 hours post-match
- Video evidence submission: Within 48 hours
- Serious infractions: Immediate reporting required

31.2 Required Information:

- Infringing team identification
- Clear description of infraction
- Specific individual(s) involved
- Supporting evidence
- Contact information for witnesses

31.3 Club Complaints

- Frivolous complaints sanctioned by the appropriate Competition Committee or Disciplinary Committee

Article 32: Notice of Complaint

32.1 Issuance The Committee may issue Notice of Complaint for:

- Reported violations
- Matters noticed independently
- Video evidence review
- Public conduct issues

32.2 Contents Notice must include:

- Specific charges
- Potential sanctions
- Response deadline
- Available evidence

32.3 Response Options:

- Accept charges and sanctions
- Accept charges but contest sanctions
- Contest charges entirely

32.4 Time Limits:

- Response required within 24 hours
- Extensions only for extraordinary circumstances
- Non-response treated as acceptance

Article 33: Disciplinary Committee Proceedings

33.1 Convening the Committee

- Emergency meetings for serious matters
- Quorum of 3 members required
- Decisions by majority vote

33.2 Review Process The Committee reviews:

- Match official reports
- Video evidence
- Club complaints
- Media conduct
- Public information

33.3 Committee Powers

- Increase or decrease automatic sanctions
- Impose alternative sanctions
- Combine multiple sanctions
- Suspend implementation
- Order investigations

Article 34: Evidence and Burden of Proof

34.1 Standard of Proof: Balance of probabilities (more likely than not)

34.2 Types of Evidence:

- Match official reports (presumed accurate)
- Video evidence (primary source)
- Witness statements
- Documentary evidence
- Social media content
- Public broadcasts

34.3 Burden of Proof:

- On Competition for violations
- On appellant for appeals
- On defendant for mitigation claims

34.4 Video Evidence

- Official broadcast footage primary
- Multiple angles considered
- Slow motion for point of contact
- Real-time for intensity judgment

Article 35: Appeals

35.1 Appealable Matters:

- Red cards (obvious error)
- Yellow cards (mistaken identity only)
- Disciplinary Committee decisions
- Sanction severity

35.2 **Non-Appealable:**

- Automatic suspensions (except as above)
- Facts established by video
- Second yellow cards
- Procedural decisions

35.3 **Appeal Process:**

- Written appeal within 24 hours
- Appeal fee required and as determined by Competition (refunded if successful)
- Committee review within 24 hours
- Decision final

35.4 **Grounds for Appeal:**

- Obvious error in decision
- Mistaken identity
- Disproportionate sanction
- Procedural irregularity
- New evidence (exceptional cases)

35.5 **Appeal Outcomes:**

- Upheld (original decision stands)
- Partially upheld (modified sanction)
- Overturned (sanction removed)
- Increased (frivolous appeal)

Article 36: Time Limits

36.1 **Critical Deadlines:**

- Infraction reporting: 24 hours from time of incident
- Appeal submission: 24 hours from Notice of Complaint issued
- Committee decision: 24 hours from appeal submission (extension may be made to 48 hours should the Committee feel it is necessary)

36.2 **Extensions**

- Only for extraordinary circumstances
- Must be requested before deadline
- Committee discretion
- Medical emergencies automatic extension

36.3 **Consequences of Missing Deadlines:**

- Reports: May not be considered

- Appeals: Right forfeited
- Evidence: May be excluded
- Response: Deemed acceptance

Article 37: Mitigating and Aggravating Factors

37.1 Mitigating Factors:

- Immediate apology (voluntary)
- First offense
- Provocation (severe)
- Guilty plea
- Cooperation with investigation
- Exemplary prior record

37.2 Aggravating Factors:

- Repeat offender
- Premeditation
- Severity of consequences
- Match importance
- Leadership position
- Lack of remorse
- Attempting to deceive officials
- Public nature of offense

37.3 Application:

- Mitigation may reduce sanction up to 50%
- Aggravation may increase sanction up to 100%
- Committee must state factors considered
- Multiple factors compound effect

Article 38: Failure to Respect Decisions

38.1 Non-Compliance:

- Failure to serve suspension: Potential up to doubled sanction
- Failure to pay fines: Potential point deduction + increased fine
- Failure to attend hearing: Decided in absence
- Failure to comply with orders: Additional sanctions

38.2 Enforcement:

- Automatic application
- No further warnings
- Escalating sanctions for continued non-compliance
- Potential competition exclusion

38.3 Club Liability:

- Clubs responsible for member compliance
- Joint sanctions possible

- Registration restrictions for non-compliance