

## Appendix 4

### Guidance Notes on Serving of Suspensions

Whilst the Disciplinary Procedures are based upon the principle of serving a suspension in the competition in which it occurs, a qualification to this exists in relation to automatic one match suspensions incurred as a result of a player being sent off for any of the following offences:

- Serious Foul Play
- Violent Conduct
- Spitting on an Opponent or Any Other Person

The following notes are intended to give guidance on the various situations which may arise and which require to be covered by the wording of the relevant sections of the Disciplinary Procedures, given the range of competitions they embrace. The match schedule of the various teams of a club will be key to the serving of suspensions and it is important to bear this in mind.

Contact should be made with the Disciplinary Department in order to clarify any issue relating to the serving of any suspension resulting from these offences.

### For Players of Scottish Premier League Clubs

The following definitions shall apply:-

- "recognised first team player" – a player who has been named in the team list for any of his club's (or his previously registered club's) 30 first team matches preceding the date of his offence.
  
- "recognised SPL Reserve League player" – a player who has been named in the team list for any of his club's (or his previously registered club's) 25 matches in the SPL Reserve League preceding the date of his offence.
  
- "recognised SPL U-19 player" – a player who has been named in the team list for any of his club's (or his previously registered club's) 25 matches in the SPL U-19 League preceding the date of his offence.

In cases where a player is regularly listed in the team list for more than one of his club's teams, his level of participation for each team will be used to determine by which category the player should be recognised (i.e. whichever team he has the most appearances for, will be the one used for categorisation purposes).

- a recognised first team player sent off in a SPL match will be suspended for his club's next match in any of the following competitions, irrespective of the competition: the Scottish Premier League, The Scottish Cup or the Scottish Football League Cup, as applicable.
  
- a recognised first team player sent off in a Scottish Cup match or a Scottish Football

League Cup match will be suspended for his club's next match in any of the following competitions, irrespective of the competition: The Scottish Premier League, the Scottish Cup or the Scottish Football League Cup.

- a recognised first team player sent off in a SPL Reserve League match will be suspended for his club's next match in any of the following competitions, irrespective of the competition: The Scottish Premier League, the Scottish Cup or the Scottish Football League Cup, as applicable.
- a recognised first team player sent off in a match played under the auspices of a District or County Football Association will be suspended for his club's next match in any of the following competitions, irrespective of the competition: The Scottish Premier League, the Scottish Cup or the Scottish Football League Cup.
- a recognised first team player sent off in a match not included in the Association's Register of Competitions will be suspended for his club's next match in any of the following competitions, irrespective of the competition: The Scottish Premier League, the Scottish Cup or the Scottish Football League Cup.
- a recognised SPL Reserve League player sent off in a SPL Reserve League match will be suspended for his club's next match in the Scottish Premier Reserve League competition.
- a recognised SPL Reserve League player sent off in a SPL match will be suspended for his club's next match in the Scottish Premier Reserve League match, or SPL match, or the Scottish Cup or the Scottish Football League Cup, as applicable.
- a recognised SPL Reserve League player sent off in a Scottish Cup match or a Scottish Football League Cup match will be suspended for his club's next match in any of the following competitions, irrespective of the competition: the Scottish Cup, the SPL Reserve League match, or SPL match, as applicable.
- a recognised SPL Reserve League player sent off in a match played under the auspices of a District or County Football Association will be suspended for his club's next match in the Scottish Premier Reserve League competition.
- a recognised SPL Reserve League player sent off in a match not included in the Association's Register of Competitions will be suspended for his club's next match in the Scottish Premier Reserve League competition.
- a recognised SPL U-19 player sent off in a SPL U-19 match will be suspended for his club's next match in the Scottish Premier U-19 League or SFA Youth Cup, as applicable.
- a recognised SPL U-19 player sent off in a SPL Reserve League match will be suspended for his club's next match in the Scottish Premier Reserve League Competition, Scottish Premier U-19 League or SFA Youth Cup, as applicable.
- a recognised SPL U-19 player sent off in a SFA Youth Cup match will be suspended for his club's next match in the Scottish Premier U-19 League, or SFA Youth Cup, as applicable.
- a recognised SPL U-19 player sent off in a match played under the auspices of a

District or County Football Association will be suspended for his club's next match in any of the following competitions, irrespective of the competition: The Scottish Premier U-19 League, SFA Youth Cup, as applicable.

- a recognised SPL U-19 player sent off in a match not included in the Association's Register of Competitions will be suspended for his club's next match in the Scottish Premier U-19 League, SFA Youth Cup, as applicable.

## For Players of Scottish Football League Clubs

The following definitions shall apply:

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| "recognised first team player"     | – | a player who has been named in the team list for any of his club's (or his previously registered club's) 30 first team matches preceding the date of his offence.  |
| "recognised reserve team player"   | – | a player who has been named in the team list for any of his club's (or his previously registered club's) 25 matches in reserve team competitions preceding the date of his offence.                            |
| "recognised Youth Division player" | – | a player who has been named in the team list for any of his club's (or his previously registered club's) 25 matches in the U-19 or U-17 Youth Division, as the case may be, preceding the date of his offence. |

In cases where a player is regularly listed in the team list for more than one of his club's teams, his level of participation for each team will be used to determine by which category the player should be recognised (i.e. whichever team he has the most appearances for, will be the one used for categorisation purposes).

- a recognised first team player sent off in a SFL Championship match will be suspended for his club's next match in any of the following competitions, irrespective of the competition: the Scottish Football League Championship, the Scottish Cup, the Scottish Football League Cup or the Scottish Football League Challenge Cup, as applicable.
- a recognised first team player sent off in a Scottish Cup match, a Scottish Football League Cup match, or a Scottish Football League Challenge Cup match will be suspended for his club's next match in any of the following competitions, irrespective of the competition: the Scottish Football League Championship, the Scottish Cup, the Scottish Football League Cup or the Scottish Football League Challenge Cup.
- a recognised first team player sent off in a Reserve Team Competition (League or Cup) will be suspended for his club's next match in any of the following competitions, irrespective of the competition: The Scottish Football League Championship, the Scottish Cup, the Scottish Football League Cup or the Scottish Football League Challenge Cup, as applicable.
- a recognised first team player sent off in a match played under the auspices of a District or County Football Association will be suspended for his club's next match in any of the following competitions, irrespective of the competition: The Scottish Football League Championship, the Scottish Cup, the Scottish Football League Cup or the Scottish Football League Challenge Cup, as applicable.
- a recognised first team player sent off in a match not included in the Association's Register of Competitions will be suspended for his club's next match in any of the following competitions, irrespective of the competition: The Scottish Football League Championship, the Scottish Cup, the Scottish Football League Cup or the Scottish Football League Challenge Cup, as applicable.

- a recognised reserve team player sent off in a SFL Championship match will be suspended for his club's next match in any of the following competitions, irrespective of the competition: The Scottish Football League Championship, the Scottish Cup, the Scottish Football League Cup, the Scottish Football League Challenge Cup or a Reserve Team Competition, as applicable.
- a recognised reserve team player sent off in a Reserve Team Competition will be suspended for his club's next match in the Reserve League, Reserve League Cup or SFA Youth Cup, as applicable.
- a recognised reserve team player sent off in a SFA Youth Cup match will be suspended for his club's next match in the Reserve League, Reserve League Cup or the SFA Youth Cup, as applicable.
- a recognised reserve team player sent off in a Youth Division match will be suspended for his club's next match in the Reserve League, Reserve League Cup, SFA Youth Cup or Youth Division concerned, as applicable.
- a recognised reserve team player sent off in a match played under the auspices of a District or County Football Association will be suspended for his club's next match in any of the following competitions, irrespective of the competition: The Reserve League, Reserve League Cup, either of the Youth Divisions or SFA Youth Cup, as applicable.
- a recognised reserve team player sent off in a match not included in the Register of Competitions will be suspended for his club's next match in any of the following competitions, irrespective of the competition: the Reserve League, Reserve League Cup, Youth Divisions or SFA Youth Cup, as applicable.
- a recognised Youth Division player sent off in a Youth Division match will be suspended for his club's next match in that Youth Division, the SFL Youth League Cup or SFA Youth Cup.
- a recognised Youth Division player sent off in a SFA Youth Cup match will be suspended for his club's next match in that Youth Division, the SFL Youth League Cup or SFA Youth Cup, as applicable.
- a recognised Youth Division player sent off in a Reserve Team Competition will be suspended for his club's next match in any of the following competitions, irrespective of the competition: the Reserve League, the Reserve League Cup, the Youth Division concerned, the SFL Youth League Cup or the SFA Youth Cup, as applicable.
- a recognised Youth Division player sent off in a match played under the jurisdiction of a District or County Football Association will be suspended for his club's next match in any of the following competitions, irrespective of the competition: the Reserve League, the Reserve League Cup, the Youth Division concerned, the SFL Youth League Cup or the SFA Youth Cup, as applicable.
- a recognised Youth Division player sent off in a match not included in the Register of Competitions will be suspended for his club's next match in any of the following competitions: the Reserve League, the Reserve League Cup, the Youth Division concerned, the SFL Youth League Cup or the SFA Youth Cup, as applicable.

For Players of Clubs in membership of the Scottish Highland Football League and the Aberdeenshire and District League

The following definitions shall apply:

"recognised first team player"	a player who has been named in the team list for any of his club's (or his previously registered club's) 30 first team matches preceding the date of his offence.
"recognised Aberdeenshire and District League player "	a player who has been named in the team list for any of his club's (or his previously registered club's) 25 matches in the Aberdeenshire and District League preceding the date of his offence.
"recognised Youth League player"	a player who has been named in the team list for any of his club's (or his previously registered club's) 25 matches in the Youth League preceding the date of his offence.

In cases where a player is regularly listed in his club's first team, his level of participation for each team will be used to determine by which category the player should be recognised (i.e. whichever team he has the most appearances for will be the one used for categorisation purposes).

- a recognised first team player sent off in a SHFL Championship match will be suspended for his club's next First Team match in a competition included in the Association's Register of Competitions, irrespective of the competition, as applicable.
- a recognised first team player sent off in a Scottish Highland Football League Cup match, an Aberdeenshire and District FA Cup match, an Aberdeenshire Shield match, an Inverness Cup match, a North of Scotland FA Cup match, a Scottish Cup match or a Regional Members' Cup match, will be suspended for his club's next First Team match in a competition included in the Association's Register of Competitions, irrespective of the competition, as applicable.
- a recognised first team player sent off in an Aberdeenshire and District League match will be suspended for his club's next First Team match in a competition included in the Association's Register of Competitions, irrespective of the competition, as applicable.
- a recognised first team player sent off in a match not included in the Association's Register of Competitions will be suspended for his club's next First Team match in a competition included in the Association's Register of Competitions, irrespective of the competition, as applicable.
- a recognised Aberdeenshire and District League player sent off in an Aberdeenshire and District League match will be suspended for his club's next match in the Aberdeenshire and District League competition, as applicable.
- a recognised Aberdeenshire and District League player sent off in a First Team Competition match will be suspended for his club's next First Team match in a

- competition included in the Association's Register of Competitions, irrespective of the competition, or the Aberdeenshire and District League, as applicable.
- a recognised Youth League player sent off in a Youth League match will be suspended for his club's next match in the Youth League, Youth League Cup or SFA Youth Cup.
  - a recognised Youth League player sent off in a SFA Youth Cup match will be suspended for his club's next match in the Youth League, Youth League Cup or SFA Youth Cup, as applicable.
  - a recognised Youth League player sent off in a First Team Competition match will be suspended for his club's next First Team match in a competition included in the Association's Register of Competitions, the Youth League, Youth League Cup or SFA Youth Cup, irrespective of the competition, as applicable.
  - a recognised Youth League player sent off in a match played under the jurisdiction of a District or County Football Association will be suspended for his club's next match in the Youth League, Youth League Cup or SFA Youth Cup, irrespective of the competition, as applicable.
  - a recognised Youth League player sent off in a match not included in the Register of Competitions will be suspended for his club's next match in the Youth League, Youth League Cup or SFA Youth Cup, irrespective of the competition, as applicable.

For Players of Clubs not in membership of the Scottish Premier League, the Scottish Football League, the Scottish Highland Football League or the Aberdeenshire and District League

The following definition shall apply:

"recognised Youth League player" – a player who has been named in the team list for any of his club's (or his previously registered club's) 25 matches in the Youth League preceding the date of his offence.

In cases where a player is regularly listed in his club's first team, his level of participation for each team will be used to determine by which category the player should be recognised (i.e. whichever team he has the most appearances for will be the one used for categorisation purposes).

- a recognised Youth League player sent off in a Youth League match will be suspended for his club's next match in the Youth League, Youth League Cup or SFA Youth Cup.
- a recognised Youth League player sent off in a SFA Youth Cup match will be suspended for his club's next match in the Youth League, Youth League Cup or SFA Youth Cup, as applicable.
- a recognised Youth League player sent off in a First Team Competition match will be suspended for his club's next First Team match in a competition included in the Association's Register of Competitions, the Youth League, Youth League Cup or SFA Youth Cup, irrespective of the competition, as applicable.
- a recognised Youth League player sent off in a match played under the jurisdiction of a District or County Football Association will be suspended for his club's next match in the Youth League, Youth League Cup or SFA Youth Cup, irrespective of the competition, as applicable.
- a recognised Youth League player sent off in a match not included in the Register of Competitions will be suspended for his club's next match in the Youth League, Youth League Cup or SFA Youth Cup, irrespective of the competition, as applicable.