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Macarthur District Soccer Football Association Inc.

IMPORTANT DOCUMENT

All Club Secretaries

3 March 2010

RE: JUDICIARY PROCEDURES – 2010

Clubs are advised of the Judiciary Procedure operations for 2010.

When a player is sent from the field of play during a game (i.e. a red card issued), the Secretary **(and only the Secretary) of the Club is required to report the send off to the Judiciary Chairman**, this includes **ALL** send offs not just automatic one match send offs (R4 & R7).

The information is to be telephoned (xxxx xxxx) to the Judiciary Chairman between 7:00 PM and 8:30 P M each Sunday evening or emailed (xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx) to the Judiciary Chairman **by Noon** on the Monday following the send off. Late notifications of send offs by club secretaries may be delayed to the following week which could mean an additional one match suspension.

Send offs issued during games played other than Saturday or Sunday (i.e. "Mid week") must be reported by 12 Noon the day following the match.

Details required to be advised to the Judiciary Chairman are as follows:

1. Surname of player
2. MDSFA Registration Number
3. Club
4. The team the player played in (Under 11, Under 15, LA, A/A, O/35 etc)
5. The division the player played in (Div 1, Prem, Div 4 etc)

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6. Offence the player charged with (R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, or R7)
7. Opposition Team (club) if known

It is not necessary for players to appear personally before the Judiciary Committee. The Committee will meet each Wednesday evening, read the Send Off Reports provided by the Referees and/or Assistant Referees and make a judgment on the circumstances of the case.

Club Secretaries will be advised on **Thursday** by the Judiciary Chairman of the sentences imposed by the Judiciary Committee.

If a player disagrees with the decision of the Judiciary Committee, he/she has the opportunity to challenge the decision and discuss the suspension with the Judiciary Committee. It should be noted however, that merely disagreeing with the Judiciary Committee's decision is not grounds for challenging. The Judiciary Committee's decision will only be varied under exceptional circumstances. Sentences could even be increased.

Requests for an appearance before the Judiciary Committee will only be accepted from the Club Secretary (**not players**), in writing (email) up to **noon** on the Wednesday following the notification of the suspension. Verbal requests cannot be accepted.

The players challenging the Judiciary Committees decision will appear before the Judiciary Committee on the following Wednesday night at 7:30 PM (at Lynwood Park). Players appearing will enter their Club Name, Surname and Signature, and the same details for anyone appearing with them, in the book provided, in arrival order, and will appear before the Committee in the order as shown in the book. No times will be allocated.

The player's registration card **MUST** be presented to the Judiciary Committee if the player wishes to appear before the Committee and challenge the Committee's decision. If the registration card is not provided then the matter **CANNOT** be heard. This may mean at least an additional one match suspension.

Please note that players 16 and younger must be accompanied by a parent, and those 17 and 18 years old must be accompanied by a responsible person, or a parent.

Clubs are also reminded that the usual **appeal** provisions under the by laws against decisions handed down by the Judiciary Committee for challenges, are available via the General Purpose Committee

Please ensure that your club committee, coaches, managers and players are aware of the above procedures, as if correct procedures are not followed, delays in the process may occur which could lead to a longer suspensions being imposed..

If you require further information, please contact the Judiciary Chairman, by email, at johngale1@live.com.au

Yours in Football

John Gale

John Gale
Judiciary Chairman