

Clause(s)	Amendment	Purpose
9.1	Provide that it is a discretionary matter rather than an obligation for a Competition Administrator to apply additional sanctions on a Club for the misconduct of a Team.	To align the National Disciplinary Regulations with updates to the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
12.6	Provide that suspensions incurred in Matches in a Competition (i.e. not Friendly Matches) cannot be served in Friendly Matches.	To ensure that suspensions incurred in competitive Matches are only served in competitive Matches and that there is no manipulation of the disciplinary system by Participants.
12.6, 13.1(a) and 13.2	Provide that any suspensions required to be served by a Participant must be served in the Club's next official match(es) (be it in the same Competition in which the suspension was incurred or another Competition in which the Club next participates).	To provide for the fundamental principle of "reciprocity", given that Clubs may be competing in multiple Competitions (e.g. in a League Competition and a Knock-out Cup Competition).

<p>12.9, 13.7 – 13.13</p>	<p>Provide that where a suspension is imposed in terms of a period of time, that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. any period of time between Competitions that a Club is participating in, or if the Club is only participating in one League Competition, the League Competition off-season (“Non-playing Period”) is not taken into account when calculating whether a suspension has been served; 2. where a Participant serves a suspension in a Knock-out Cup (e.g. the FFA Cup), 10 days (leading up to the day of the Knock-out Cup Match) will be counted towards the satisfaction of the Participant’s suspension; and 3. for the avoidance of doubt, where any 10 day period above overlaps with: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. a League Competition; or b. another 10 day period (in respect of a suspension served in a Knock-out Cup), <p>there shall be no double counting of days counted towards the satisfaction of a Participant’s suspension.</p> 4. a Judicial Body has discretion to determine that the Participant can participate in other forms of football during the Non-Playing Period. 	<p>To ensure that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. any Non-playing Periods are not taken into account when calculating whether a Participant’s suspension has been served; and 2. where a suspension is served in a Knock-out Cup, a reasonable amount of time in relation to each Knock-out Cup Match (i.e. taking into account preparation time for a Match) will be taken into account when calculating whether a Participant’s suspension has been served. 3. A Judicial Body has discretion to allow the Participant to participate in other forms of football (i.e. futsal or social) during the Non-Playing Period (i.e. during the summer off-season of NPL).
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Summary of Key Amendments to National Disciplinary Regulations

<p>13.1(c) and 13.5</p>	<p>Provide that where:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a Participant has a suspension remaining to be served from one Competition (Competition A); and 2. that Participant transfers to a new Club in another Competition (Competition B), <p>the Competition Administrator of Competition A may make a determination as to whether any suspension served in Competition B be counted towards satisfaction of that Participant's suspension, if the reason (or part of the reason) for transferring to Competition B is to enable that Participant to serve his suspension in Competition B.</p>	<p>To ensure that there is no manipulation of the disciplinary system by Participants by, for example, purposefully serving a suspension in a lower league and then returning to the Competition where the suspension was incurred.</p>
<p>13.1(d) and 13.3</p>	<p>Provide that a Participant under suspension may participate in Friendly Matches unless the Competition Administrator or Judicial Body determines otherwise.</p>	<p>To ensure that Participants who commit offences of a significantly serious nature are not allowed to participate in Friendly Matches while suspended.</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>To provide that the use of electronic communications systems between Participants is prohibited during a Match, in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game.</p>	<p>To align the National Disciplinary Regulations with updates to the FIFA Laws of the Game.</p>

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Annexure A – Table of Offences	To provide that: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Offence 1 is <i>denying the opposing team <u>an obvious</u> goal-scoring opportunity</i> (previously <i>denying the opposing team <u>a clear</u> goal-scoring opportunity</i>);2. the Minimum Sanction for <i>Serious Foul Play</i> (e.g. <i>when challenging for the ball</i>) is the Mandatory Match Suspension (previously <u>one additional match plus the Mandatory Match Suspension</u>);3. the Minimum Sanction for <i>Serious Unsporting Conduct</i> is the Mandatory Match Suspension (previously <u>one additional match plus the Mandatory Match Suspension</u>).	To align the National Disciplinary Regulations with updates to the FIFA Disciplinary Code.
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