
POLICY - PLAYER SUSPENSION

1. Recognition of Suspensions from Other Sporting Codes

- 1.1 In addition to any penalty previously imposed upon a player by the FFNT or affiliated Member, the Judicial Committee may, but shall not be bound to, take into account any penalty previously imposed upon that player by a governing body in another state, territory or country, or by a judicial officer, committee or tribunal of any other football code (including, without limitation, Australian Rules, Rugby League and Rugby Union) in its deliberation as to an appropriate penalty to impose upon the player.
- 1.2 To facilitate mutual recognition of penalties amongst football codes in the Northern Territory, the FFNT or affiliated Member shall provide details of all penalties imposed by its Judicial Committee and any penalties that may accrue automatically as a result of a player receiving a prescribed number of yellow cards to the governing bodies responsible for the administration of Australian Rules, Rugby League and Rugby Union in the Northern Territory.

2. Eligibility of Players under Suspensions from other Football Codes

- 2.1 No player shall be eligible to participate in any FFNT or affiliated Members competition fixture or representative match while under suspension from any other state, territory or country governing or any other football code (including, without limitation, Australian Rules, Rugby League and Rugby Union).
- 2.2 Where any player receives a suspension from another football code while participating in any football competition, that player shall not play in any FFNT or affiliated Members competition, fixture or representative match until his or her suspension from the other football code has been served.
- 2.3 Where a player is unable to play another football code because:
 - 2.3.1 They have not appeared before the relevant judicial body;
That player shall not be eligible to play in any FFNT or affiliated Members competition fixture or representative match until they have appeared before the relevant judicial body, and served any suspension imposed upon them by that judicial body.
- 2.4 Where a player registers to play in any football competition while currently under a term of suspension from another governing football code, which was not served before the end of the competition season in respect of which the suspension was imposed, the player shall not be eligible to play in any FFNT or affiliated Member competition fixture or representative match for the period of the unexpired balance of the term of their suspension from the other football code, (that period to start from first competition match following the player's registration) and for the purposes of this clause, a reference in any suspension from another governing football code to a "competition match" or "fixture" or a similar term, shall be taken to be a reference to an football competition match.

- 2.5 Where a player has been suspended by the Judicial Committee and has been unable to serve that suspension before the end of the season during which the suspension was imposed, and the player has been made to serve that suspension while playing in another football code, whose playing rules include a provision similar to the previous clause;
- That player may make a written application to the FFNT or affiliated Member at the commencement of the next football season for a review of the penalty imposed upon him or her by the FFNT or affiliated member;
 - The application must set out the details of the suspension the player claims to have served in another football code;
 - Upon receipt of the application the FFNT or affiliated Member will obtain a report from the governing body of the other football code that the player claims to have served his or her suspension with;
 - The FFNT or affiliated Member will then refer that report and the player's application for a review to the Judicial Committee for consideration;
 - The Judicial Committee may, at its absolute discretion commute the other player's suspension wholly or in part, but shall not be under any obligation to do so;
 - Where the Judicial Committee chooses not to commute the suspension based on the written materials before it, the FFNT shall convene a sitting of the Judicial Committee at which the player and or a club representative shall have the right to appear to present oral submissions and to call witnesses to give evidence on the player's behalf;
 - As an alternative to commuting a player's suspension in whole or in part, the Judicial Committee may suspend the sentence previously imposed in whole or in part;
 - If, having heard the player, the Judicial Committee refuses to commute the suspension to the extent requested by the player, the player shall have a right of appeal to the Appeals Tribunal.

3. Judicial Committee to Convene During Off-Season

Where a player has been sent off in an football fixture and fails to appear before the Judicial Committee before the end of that football season, and, as a consequence, is prevented from playing football in another state, territory or country, or is prevented from playing another football code, that player may make a written request to the FFNT or affiliated Member to convene a meeting of the Judicial Committee to consider the player's send off. The player's request must set out details of the sport that the player is prevented from playing and should include evidence of his or her registration with that sport. Upon receipt of the request, the FFNT or affiliated Member shall convene a sitting of the Judicial Committee at a time convenient to the Judicial Committee and the player, but in any event not later than one week from the date upon which the request is received.