

## Section 5: Suspensions For Players In Women's Football

1. This Section 5 applies to the following competitions (organised by the Scottish Women's Premier League, the Scottish Women's Football Leagues and Scottish Women's Football played under the jurisdiction of the Scottish FA):

- a) The Scottish Women's Premier League
- b) The Scottish Women's Premier League Cup
- c) The Scottish Women's Football Leagues
- d) The Scottish Women's Football League Cup
- e) The Scottish Women's Cup
- f) National Performance League U19
- g) National Performance League Cup U19

2. Serving of Suspensions in relation to offences committed in Women's football:

<u>Offence</u>	<u>Suspension</u>	<u>Application of Suspension</u>
Accumulation of four cautionable offences during a Season	1 match dated suspension  (For every further accumulation of four reports for cautionable offences by that player during a Season, the suspension applied shall be extended by 1 match.)	Effective from 14th day following date of match when fourth cautionable offence occurred and applied to all competitions listed at Section 5, Paragraph 1 of this Annex.
Serious foul play (A1)  Violent conduct (A2)  Spitting at an opponent or any other person (A3)	3 match automatic suspension	Effective immediately and applied to all matches in the competitions listed at Section 5, Paragraph 1 of this Annex.
Offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures (A5)	2 match automatic suspension	Effective immediately and applied to all matches in the competitions listed at Section 5, Paragraph 1 of this Annex.
Denying the opposing team or an opponent a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity (A4)  Receiving a second caution in the same match (A6)	1 match automatic suspension	Effective immediately and applied to all competitions listed at Section 5, Paragraph 1 of this Annex.

3. Sending-Off Offences – Additional Suspension

- 3.1 Where a player is reported for a sending-off offence, and that player has previously been reported for a sending-off offence in a Season, an additional suspension of one match for each previous sending-off offence will be applied.
- 3.2 Any additional suspension shall become effective on the 14th day following the date of the match at which the sending-off offence occurred.

4. Other/Non-Specified/Friendly Matches or Competitions

- 4.1 Misconduct arising in matches not detailed in Paragraph 1 of this Annex and which is reported to the Scottish FA will be recorded in the player's disciplinary record and sanctions applied as specified in Paragraph 2 above.
- 4.2 Misconduct reports received from another National Association in respect of players of clubs bound by these Disciplinary Procedures shall be dealt with as detailed above. Misconduct shall be

recorded and any resultant suspension(s) applied only if such reports are received within 14 days of the date of the match. Misconduct reported outwith this 14 day period shall not be recorded.

5. General Rules for Player Suspensions in Women's Football

- 5.1 Reference is made to Paragraph 11.6 of the Protocol.
- 5.2 In the case of a player who becomes ineligible because of age conditions to play in a competition, any suspension or part thereof which remains outstanding and would have applied only to matches in that youth competition will apply instead to matches in the player's Recognised Team's League.
- 5.3. Suspensions incurred by players shall apply to all football, with the following exceptions:
  - 5.3.1 International Matches; or
  - 5.3.2 Friendly Matches (with the exception of a suspension imposed as a result of a player breaching Disciplinary Rule 202 [Excessive Misconduct]); or
  - 5.3.3 Matches in any other competition not referred to specifically within this Annex (with the exception of a suspension imposed as a result of a player breaching Disciplinary Rule 202 [Excessive Misconduct])
- 5.4 Only one disciplinary record is maintained for each player. Any suspension incurred by a player will require to be served by the player's Recognised Team (i.e. the team for which she normally plays) playing the requisite number of matches. In cases where a player is regularly listed in the team lists for more than one of her club's teams, her level of participation for each team will be used to Determine the player's recognised team (i.e. whichever team she has the most appearances for).
- 5.5 Where a registration of a player is transferred to another club or where a player becomes registered for another club, the player's disciplinary record at the time of her registration for another club will be transferred. Any suspension, or part thereof, which remains outstanding at the time of a player's transfer to/registration for a club other than the club with which she was suspended, will similarly be transferred.
- 5.6 An unregistered player under an outstanding suspension is free to play as a trialist and the suspension shall only commence when she is registered for a club.
- 5.7 In the event that a National Association indicates that a player is subject to a suspension, or part thereof, which remains outstanding at the time when her International Transfer Certificate is issued to the Scottish FA, such suspension shall apply 14 days after the Certificate is received and her registration put into effect.
- 5.8 A player who is suspended as a result of a report made on a match she played in as a trialist cannot serve the suspension until such time as she registers for a club. The serving of the suspension shall commence immediately upon the player becoming registered for a club.
- 5.9 A suspension as a result of a player breaching Disciplinary Rule 202 (Excessive Misconduct) shall apply to all football and will be served by the player's Recognised Team playing the requisite number of matches in the competitions listed at Section 5, Paragraph 1 of this Annex.
- 5.10 Where a player is suspended in respect a match but nevertheless represents her club at that match in breach of that suspension, that player cannot subsequently serve that suspension voluntarily. The period of suspension unserved can only be re-imposed, along with any other sanction imposed, by a Tribunal, in the event that the said Tribunal Determines that a breach of suspension has occurred.