



**ADVICE FOR SUSPENDED PLAYERS, COACHES AND OFFICIALS
(on the application of penalties)**

Extract from the Sydney Juniors Tribunal Rules 2017

Hearing: Penalties

4.38 Where a period of suspension is expressed as a number of matches:

- (a) a 'match' shall mean a competition match of the same age group or division in which the player committed the offence, and shall also include as the one match, the matches in all grades in a particular round for which the player would, but for the suspension be eligible, whether played on the one day or not. Any suspension shall take effect from and include the next competition match following the suspension for which the player would, but for the suspension, be eligible;
- (b) a player is ineligible to play in any representative match whilst under suspension. In addition to this, the representative matches do not count towards part of the suspension;
- (c) Competition games which are forfeited, washed out for any other reason not played, shall not be counted for the purpose of reckoning a period of suspension.

4.39 Where a period of suspension is expressed as a period of time the period shall commence from the time the penalty is pronounced and conclude at midnight on the last day of the period, unless the Tribunal orders otherwise.

4.40 A suspended person may not, during his/her period of suspension, participate in any match in the capacity of player, runner or trainer, nor shall he/she officiate within the enclosed playing area (or, where there is no enclosed playing area, within five metres of the boundary line), but may attend a game and observe as a spectator only. Players are not permitted within the confines of the playing field, and must not act as runner, water carrier or in any other capacity. Subject to any direction from the Tribunal, an official may participate in any official capacity at their club on non-match days.

4.41 Subject to any direction by the Tribunal, where the Tribunal imposes a suspended sentence, the period of the sentence is suspended, subject to good behaviour by the player or official. If the player or official is found guilty by the Tribunal of any subsequent offence committed during the period of the suspended sentence or, in the case of a player, a Prescribed Penalty is offered and accepted which results in a match suspension, the suspended sentence will be added to any sentence imposed by the Tribunal for the subsequent offence or as a result of the Prescribed Penalty.