

WRITTEN REASONS OF THE FAST TRACK TRIBUNAL



IN THE MATTER OF A WRONGFUL DISMISSAL CLAIM BROUGHT BY:

Name of Club (the Club) Bo'ness Athletic FC

on behalf of

Name of Player (the Player) Jonathan Mitchell

1. These are the written reasons for a Determination made by a Fast Track Tribunal, which convened on 3 December 2025 to deliberate this Claim.
2. In the 88th minute of the fixture between Bo'ness Athletic FC and Whitburn Juniors FC on 29th November 2025 the Player was dismissed from the field of play by the Referee for Serious Foul Play.
3. The Claimants submitted a Claim of Wrongful Dismissal on behalf of the Player. In support of this Claim, the Club submitted video footage showing the incident in question and written submissions.
4. In order for a Claim of Wrongful Dismissal to be upheld, the Fast Track Tribunal must be satisfied, by way of evidence submitted and upon the balance of probabilities, that the Referee made an Obvious Refereeing Error in dismissing the Player.
5. In summary, the Claimant's submission was that the Player made a robust challenge in complete control with his leg bent at point of contact and without his studs showing.
6. The Referee provided a statement explaining the act which he decided was Serious Foul Play was a straight leg lunge with the point of contact above the ankle and the Opponent requiring treatment.
7. The Fast Track Tribunal viewed the video footage of the incident and carefully considered the written submissions from the Claimants. It also considered the definition from Laws of the Game in relation to Serious Foul Play.
8. Having considered all the evidence, the Fast Track Tribunal decided that the Claimants had been unsuccessful in demonstrating that an Obvious Refereeing Error had occurred, the Player having lunged into the tackle, not in full control and making contact with the Opponent's ankle/lower leg with his studs up at the point of contact.
9. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal was that the Claim be Dismissed and the sending off offence and original sanction reimposed.
10. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal is final and binding on all Parties and is not subject to Appeal.