

## WRITTEN REASONS OF THE FAST TRACK TRIBUNAL



### IN THE MATTER OF A WRONGFUL DISMISSAL CLAIM BROUGHT BY:

**Glasgow United FC (the Club)**

**on behalf of**

**Oluwajomiloju Ademuwagun (the Player)**

1. These are the written reasons for a Determination made by a Fast Track Tribunal which convened on 30 July 2025 to deliberate this Claim.
2. In the 23<sup>rd</sup> minute of the West of Scotland Third Division fixture between Ardeer Thistle FC v Glasgow United FC on 26 July 2025 the Player was dismissed from the field of play by the Referee for Denying the opposing team or an opponent a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity.
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 put his arm up, there is minimal contact with the Ardeer player and there is no grab and pull, or push motion with the arm that would have caused the Ardeer player to fall forward in such a manner and further that a team mate of the Player is closing the distance between himself and the opponent's path towards goal.
6. The Referee provided a statement explaining the act which he decided was Denying the opposing team or an opponent a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity occurred when the Player used his arm to pull the opponent down just outside the penalty area. At the point of contact the opponent is beyond the last defender and is in control of the ball. His overall movement is taking him inside the penalty area towards goal where he will be 1 on 1 against the opposition goalkeeper with a clear goalscoring opportunity. There is no defender within a close enough proximity to make a tackle or block any shot attempted by the opponent if he had not been fouled.
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: Denying the opposing team or an opponent a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity.
8. Having considered all the evidence, the Fast Track Tribunal decided that the Claimants had unsuccessfully demonstrated that an Obvious Refereeing Error had occurred. Whilst the Tribunal agreed that the upper arm contact appears from the video evidence to be minimal the video shows that there is clear additional physical contact between the Player and the opponent which is sufficient to make the opponent fall to the ground. The Tribunal do not consider that the Player's team mate was in a position to prevent the opponent, but for him being fouled, to have an obvious goal scoring opportunity.

9. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal was that the Claim be dismissed and the sending off offence and original sanction should be reimposed.
10. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal is final and binding on all Parties and is not subject to Appeal.