

## WRITTEN REASONS OF THE FAST TRACK TRIBUNAL



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

**Name of Club (the Club) Ardeer Thistle FC**

**on behalf of**

**Name of Player (the Player) Ben Leishman**

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 28<sup>th</sup> minute of the fixture between Lesmahagow Juniors FC and Ardeer Thistle FC on 29 November 2025 the Player was dismissed from the field of play by the Referee for Violent Conduct
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 did not kick or attempt to kick the Opponent and at no time showed any aggression towards the Opponent who had merely landed on him as they fell and nothing further happened
6. The Referee provided a statement explaining the act which he decided was Violent Conduct occurred when both players were lying on the ground and the Player kicked out at the Opponent using brutality
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 Violent Conduct.
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 in that it was clear from the video footage that the Player had kicked out at the Opponent whilst the Opponent was on top of him as they both landed on the ground.
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.