

## WRITTEN REASONS OF THE FAST TRACK TRIBUNAL



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

**Harthill Royal FC**

**on behalf of**

**David Thomson**

1. These are the written reasons for a Determination made by a Fast Track Tribunal which convened on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022 to deliberate this Claim.
2. In the 89th minute of the East of Scotland Third Division fixture between Armadale Thistle FC and Harthill Royal FC on Saturday 24th September 2022, the player was dismissed from the field of play by the Referee for A4 – Denying the opposing team or an opponent a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity as defined by Law 12.
3. The Claimants submitted a Claim of Wrongful Dismissal 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. 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 A4 – Denying the opposing team or an opponent a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity as defined by Law 12.
6. Having considered all the evidence, the Fast Track Tribunal decided that the Claimants had unsuccessfully demonstrated that an Obvious Refereeing Error had occurred.
7. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal was that the Claim be dismissed and the sending off offence and original sanction should be re-imposed with immediate effect.
8. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal is final and binding on all Parties and is not subject to Appeal.