

WRITTEN REASONS OF THE FAST TRACK TRIBUNAL



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

Turriff United FC

on behalf of

Max Foster (the “Player”)

1. These are the written reasons for a Determination made by a Fast Track Tribunal which convened on 11th January 2023 to deliberate this Claim.
2. In the 43rd minute of the Breedon Highland Football League fixture between Huntly FC and Turriff United FC on 7th December 2023, the Player was dismissed from the field of play by the Referee for Serious Foul Play as defined by Law 12 **(A1)**.
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 written submission was that he did not lunge into this tackle with two straight legs and was in complete control of his body throughout it. Furthermore, it was submitted that whilst this may have been a hard tackle, there was no malice in it.
6. The Referee provided a statement explaining the act which he decided was an A1 offence for the tackle determined to endanger the safety of an opponent.
7. The Fast Track Tribunal viewed the video footage of the incident and carefully considered the written submission from the Claimant. It also considered the definition from Laws of the Game in relation to Law 12.
8. Having considered all the evidence, the Fast Track Tribunal decided, unanimously, that the Claimants had been **SUCCESSFUL** in demonstrating that an Obvious Refereeing Error had **OCCURRED**.
9. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal was that the Notice of Complaint was not **PROVED** and the sending off offence and original sanction should be **RESCINDED**.
10. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal is final and binding on all Parties and is not subject to Appeal.