

WRITTEN REASONS OF THE FAST TRACK TRIBUNAL



IN THE MATTER OF A FAST TRACK NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

Name of Club - Rangers FC ("Club")

Name of Player – Kemar Roofe ("Player")

1. These are the Written Reasons for a Determination made by a Fast Track Tribunal ("Tribunal"), which convened on 10 February 2021.
2. A Fast Track Notice of Complaint was issued by the Interim Compliance Officer to the Alleged Party in Breach on 5 February 2021. It alleged that a breach of Disciplinary Rule 200 was said to have occurred during the Scottish Premiership match between Rangers FC and St Johnstone FC on 3 February 2021.
3. It was alleged in the Fast Track Notice of Complaint that the Alleged Party in Breach's actions in or around the 21st minute amounted to the sending off offence of Serious Foul Play.
4. Evidence was put forward by the Interim Compliance Officer including the Fast Track Notice of Complaint: Statements of the referee and assistant referees, statements of 3 former match officials, player discipline report and video evidence of the alleged incident.
5. The Breach was denied by the Alleged Party in Breach.
6. Written submissions and photographic evidence were submitted on behalf of the Alleged Party in Breach.
7. A hearing took place via video link on 10 February 2021 at 1:15 pm.
8. The Alleged Party in Breach attended via video link, along with his representative, and club official, who neither represented the player nor spoke on his behalf at the hearing.
9. The submission of the Interim Compliance Officer was that the Alleged Party in Breach committed a sending off offence by lunging at a St Johnstone opponent, using one or both legs, with excessive force and did make contact with the studs of his left boot on the left ankle and/or lower leg of said opponent in a manner that endangered the safety of said opponent. It was advised that this constituted an act of serious foul play, an (A1) sending off offence. In these circumstances, the Interim Compliance Officer submitted that Disciplinary Rule 200 had been breached and the Alleged Party in Breach should be sanctioned accordingly.
10. A preliminary matter was raised on behalf of the Alleged Party in Breach presented in the extensive correspondence made available. After careful consideration of this preliminary matter, it was decided that the Tribunal could apply its discretion, whilst considering all available evidence in accordance with Judicial Panel Protocol. It was decided that it would not be manifestly unjust, or likely to lead to an irrational decision and it was competent for the Tribunal to proceed.
11. The Tribunal viewed the available footage of the incident and considered the submissions from both parties. After due consideration of all the available evidence produced by both the Interim

Compliance Officer and from and on behalf of the Alleged Party in Breach, the Tribunal found the Notice of Complaint proved and the sending off offence for Serious Foul Play was applied.

12. The mandatory suspension for the offence is a 2 match suspension, from domestic matches.

13. Determinations of a Fast Track Tribunal are final and binding and there is no right of Appeal.