

## WRITTEN REASONS OF THE FAST TRACK TRIBUNAL



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

**Name of Club (the Club) Cowdenbeath Central FC**

**on behalf of**

**Name of Player (the Player) Lee Dawson**

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 85<sup>th</sup> minute of the East of Scotland Third Division fixture between Cowdenbeath Central FC and Edinburgh United FC on 29<sup>th</sup> November 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 had not committed the offence alleged and in fact the ball had struck him in the face and not his hand or arm as stated by the referee.
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 blocked the ball on the goal line with his arm stopping it from crossing the goal line.
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 been successful in demonstrating that an Obvious Refereeing Error had occurred in that the video evidence clearly showed that the ball struck the Player in the face and not on his arm or hand.
9. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal was that the Claim be Upheld and the sending off offence and original sanction should be rescinded.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.