

WRITTEN REASONS OF THE FAST TRACK TRIBUNAL



IN THE MATTER OF A WRONGFUL DISMISSAL CLAIM BROUGHT BY:

The Spartans FC (the Club)

on behalf of

Cameron Russell (the Player)

1. These are the written reasons for a Determination made by a Fast Track Tribunal which convened on 6 August 2025 to deliberate this Claim.
2. In the 89th minute of the William Hill League 2 fixture between East Kilbride FC and The Spartans FC, on 2 August 2025 the Player was dismissed from the field of play by the Referee for Serious Foul Play.
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 was returning to his own half directly towards his own goal at pace, the opponent was evading a challenge from a teammate of the player and the Player was unable to stop and collided with the opponent and his planted foot on the ground tripped the opponent as he ran across
6. The Referee provided a statement explaining the act which he decided was Serious Foul Play occurred when the Player made full contact, with his studs, to the opponent's calf and Achilles area. The contact was significant enough to cause his opponent's ankle to buckle. The challenge endangered the opponent's safety.
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 Serious Foul Play.
8. Having considered all the evidence, the Fast Track Tribunal decided that the Claimants had unsuccessfully demonstrated that an Obvious Refereeing Error had occurred. The Tribunal were of the view that the Player had made full contact, with his studs, to the opponent's calf and Achilles area and the challenge had endangered the opponent's safety.
9. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal was that the Claim be dismissed and the sending off offence and original sanction should be reimposed.
10. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal is final and binding on all Parties and is not subject to Appeal.