

## WRITTEN REASONS OF THE FAST TRACK TRIBUNAL



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

**Fraserburgh FC**

**on behalf of**

**Paul Campbell**

1. These are the written reasons for a Determination made by a Fast Track Tribunal which convened on Friday 4th March 2022 to deliberate this Claim.
2. In the 90<sup>th</sup> minute of the Highland League Cup fixture between Rothes FC and Fraserburgh FC on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022, the player was cautioned and dismissed from the field of play by the Referee for Simulation.
3. The Claimants submitted a Claim of Wrongful Caution 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 Caution 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 clipped on the right ankle by the opponent and this caused his right foot to make contact with his left ankle and caused him to trip and fall to the ground.
6. The Referee provided a statement explaining the act which he decided was 'simulation' occurred when the opponent made minimal to no contact with the player who then took a number of steps before throwing himself to the ground, appealing for a free kick.
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: Simulation.
8. Having considered all the evidence, the Fast Track Tribunal decided that the Claimants had been unsuccessful in demonstrating that an Obvious Refereeing Error had occurred in that the video evidence did not provide the clarity required to allow the Fast Track Tribunal to take the view that an Obvious Refereeing Error had occurred.
9. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal was that the Claim be dismissed and the caution and resulting sending off and the original sanction be reimposed. The Fast Track Tribunal also decided that the Claim did not fall to be considered frivolous under paragraph 13.21.8.1.
10. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal is final and binding on all Parties and is not subject to Appeal.