

WRITTEN REASONS OF THE FAST TRACK TRIBUNAL



IN THE MATTER OF A WRONGFUL DISMISSAL CLAIM BROUGHT BY:

Hibernian FC

on behalf of

Kirsten Reilly.

1. These are the written reasons for a Determination made by a Fast Track Tribunal which convened on Tuesday 20th January 2026 to deliberate this Claim.
2. In the 30th minute of the Scottish Women's Premier League fixture between Rangers WFC and Hibernian WFC on Sunday 18th January 2026, the player was dismissed from the field of play by the Referee for A1 - 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's challenge did not involve excessive force, brutality, or the endangering of an opponent and therefore did not meet the threshold for Serious Foul Play as defined by Law 12.
6. The Referee provided a statement explaining the act which she decided was Serious Foul Play occurred when the player in challenging for the ball, missed the ball and made contact with her opponent in the leg, above the knee, directly with her studs. The contact endangered the safety of her opponent.
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, whilst the challenge did not involve excessive force or brutality, it did endanger the safety of the opponent.
9. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal was that the Claim be dismissed and the sending off offence and original sanction should be re-imposed.
10. The Determination of the Fast Track Tribunal is final and binding on all Parties and is not subject to Appeal.