

KARRATHA SOCCER ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Sanctions & Penalties Policy

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1. Purpose

This Policy outlines the sanctions and penalties applicable to breaches of KSA By-Laws, rules of competition, and expected standards of behaviour.

It is designed to:

- Promote fair play and respect
 - Provide consistency in decision-making
 - Protect players, officials, and the integrity of competitions
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2. Authority

2.1 This Policy is issued under the authority of the KSA Committee.

2.2 This Policy is to be read in conjunction with the KSA By-Laws.

2.3 The KSA Committee and/or Executive Committee may:

- Apply sanctions in accordance with this Policy
- Exercise discretion where circumstances warrant

2.4 This Policy may be updated by Committee resolution without requiring amendment to the By-Laws.

3. General Principles

3.1 Sanctions will be applied consistently, fairly, and proportionately.

3.2 The severity of penalties may consider:

- Nature and seriousness of the offence
- Intent and impact
- Previous behaviour or repeat offences
- Age and level of competition

3.3 The KSA reserves the right to escalate penalties where conduct is deemed serious or repeated.

3.4 Where no specific sanction is listed, the Committee may determine an appropriate penalty.

4. Types of Sanctions

Sanctions may include (but are not limited to):

- Match forfeiture
- Deduction of competition points
- Suspension (matches or time-based)
- Removal from competition
- Ineligibility for awards
- Written warnings

5. Sanctions Matrix

5.1 Match & Player Eligibility Breaches

Offence	Standard Penalty	Additional Actions
Failure to complete team sheet correctly	Forfeit match	—
Playing an unregistered player	Forfeit match	
Playing an ineligible player	Forfeit match	Possible further sanctions
Playing an ineligible player in finals	Forfeit match	Possible removal from finals
Providing false information	Forfeit match	Possible suspension
Playing under incorrect name	Forfeit match	Possible suspension

5.2 Behaviour & Conduct

Offence	Standard Penalty	Additional Actions
Offensive or abusive language	Suspension (minimum 1 match)	Escalation for repeat offences
Harassment or discrimination	Suspension	Referral to Committee
Physical altercation	Immediate suspension	Tribunal review
Spectator misconduct	Warning or team sanction	Possible removal from venue
Club official misconduct	Suspension	Possible club sanction

5.3 Match Day & Operational Breaches

Offence	Standard Penalty	Additional Actions
Failure to fulfil game day duties	Warning	Escalation for repeat
Late forfeit	Competition points penalty	
Failure to follow match procedures	Warning	Escalation if repeated

5.4 Referee & Official Abuse (Priority Area)

Offence	Standard Penalty	Additional Actions
Dissent toward referee	Warning or suspension	—
Verbal abuse of referee	Suspension	Escalation for severity
Threatening behaviour	Immediate suspension	Tribunal
Physical contact with referee	Minimum multi-week suspension	Possible season ban

6. Escalation of Penalties

6.1 Repeat offences will result in increased penalties.

6.2 Serious misconduct may result in:

- Immediate suspension
 - Tribunal hearing
 - Extended bans or removal from competition
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7. Disciplinary Process

7.1 Minor breaches may be handled by:

- Competition Manager
- Executive Committee

7.2 Serious matters will be referred to:

- KSA Committee
- Tribunal (where applicable)

7.3 Individuals/clubs may be notified in writing of:

- Breach
 - Sanction applied
 - Any right of response or appeal
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8. Appeals

8.1 Appeals must be submitted in writing within the timeframe outlined in the By-Laws.

8.2 The Committee's decision on appeal is final.

9. Flexibility & Review

9.1 This Policy is a living document and may be updated as required.

9.2 The KSA Committee may:

- Add new offences
- Adjust penalties
- Clarify interpretation

9.3 Updates will be communicated to Clubs.