WAFC TRIBUNAL DECISION

Tribunal Hearing Date: 9 April 2024

Tribunal Members: William Robinson (Chairperson), Andrew Maughan (Tribunal Member), Brieanna Mercer (Tribunal Member)

Charged Person: Mr Gavin Levitzke

Incident date/time: 9 March 2024, WAFL Futures Match Round 4, Subiaco v East Perth, Sullivan Logistics Stadium, 5.00pm

Policy & Sections of Policy Breached: National Community Football Policy Handbook Part C (Section 9, Member Protection & Integrity, sections 9.1 Responsibility of a Person, section 9.2 General Code of Conduct; WAFC Umpire Terms & Conditions; WAFL Ticket & Entry Conditions Policy

Tribunal Decision: Guilty

Penalty Imposed:

- Tribunal finds that the alleged breaches of the National Community Football Handbook together with the Umpire Terms and Conditions & WAFL Ticket & Entry Conditions have been made out to comfortable satisfaction.
- Pursuant to section 25.4 of the Handbook, the Tribunal imposes the following penalty on Mr Levitzke:
 - Mr Levitzke is hereby banned from attending and prohibited from purchasing tickets for any football matches at any level or grade under WAFC control. This includes WAFL affiliated matches and all community, amateur and junior matches (excluding AFL controlled matches).
 - The ban will take effect from 10 April 2024 extend for a period of 18 months from that date.
 - For the avoidance of doubt the ban imposed by the Tribunal does not extend to Mr Levitzke's attendance in an official capacity as a registered WAFC Umpire. The Tribunal's decision is not in any way intended to pre-empt or bind any subsequent decision that may be taken against Mr Levitzke as part of the Umpiring WA accreditation process under section 6 of the Handbook.
 - The Tribunal directs that its decision and notice of the penalty imposed be provided to Mr Levitzke, be published on the WAFC website and a copy provided to Umpiring WA.
 - Mr Levitzke has a right to submit a Notice of Appeal (s. 26.1 (c)) by 5.00pm on the day following publication of the Tribunal's decision.
 - The Tribunal also refers Mr Levitzke to section 25.6 (Criticism of Decision) and reminds him of his obligations pursuant to that section following the Tribunal's decision.

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Signed by Tribunal Chairperson (William Robinson) for and on behalf of Tribunal Members Andrew Maughan and Breanna Mercer