

**IN THE MATTER OF
MANCHESTER FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

-v-

SHAUN LAVELL

(CASE REFERENCE 9509073M)

WRITTEN REASONS - DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION

THURSDAY OCTOBER 4TH 2018

INTRODUCTION

1. These are written reasons for the findings of a Disciplinary Commission, held on behalf of Manchester FA on Thursday October 4th 2018. The charges raised against Shaun Lavell (SL) relate to actions he is alleged to have committed during a match between Manchester Cobras and Stretford Victoria Athletic on 17th June 2018.

2. The Disciplinary Commission members were Keith Marsden (Chair), Deb Owen, and Brian Myer

3. Paul Roots (Manchester FA) acted as Secretary to the Commission.

4. By Manchester FA Misconduct Charge Notification, dated 15th September 2018, the following charge was raised:

FA Rule E3 - Improper Conduct against a Match Official (including physical contact and threatening and/or abusive language/behaviour)

FA RULE E3

5. The relevant sections of FA Rule E3 (p. 113 of the FA Handbook Season 2018-2019) state:

A participant shall at all times act in the best interests of the game and shall not act in any manner which is improper or brings the game into disrepute or use any one, or any combination of, violent conduct, serious foul play, threatening, abusive, indecent or insulting words or behaviour.

Physical contact or attempted physical contact: e.g. participant pushes the referee, pulls the referee (or his clothing/equipment), barges, or kicks the ball at, the official causing no injury and/or attempts to make physical contact with the official, e.g. attempts to strike, kick, butt, barge or kick the ball at the official

DETAIL OF CHARGES

6. It was alleged that SL entered the field of play and gave the referee a push. It was further alleged that after being dismissed from the field SL again approached the referee and grabbed him by the throat for several seconds before being removed with the assistance of other participants.

PLEA

7. No plea had been submitted by SL

WRITTEN EVIDENCE

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- a. Manchester FA Misconduct Charge Notification dated 15th September 2018
- b. Referee's report, dated 18th June 2018
- c. Email from Pauline Crompton, Stretford Victoria Athletic, dated 8th August.
- d. Email from Scott Leckey, Manchester Cobras, dated 2nd August.

SUBMISSION BY PARTICIPANT

There was no submission by the participant to be considered.

FINDINGS

10. The panel noted that no evidence or mitigation had been offered by the participant charged and on the basis of the submitted written evidence the case was found proven. The participant's previous record was provided by the Secretary.

11. Taking all the evidence into account the panel decided to impose a ban of 182 days from all football-related activity and a fine of £100.00

12. In accordance with FA Regulations, there is a right of appeal against the decision

Keith Marsden (Chair)

Thursday 4th October 2018