

**IN THE MATTER OF
MANCHESTER FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

-v-

TONY COLLINS

(CASE REFERENCE 9571856M)

WRITTEN REASONS - DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION

MONDAY NOVEMBER 12TH 2018

INTRODUCTION

1. These are written reasons for the findings of a Disciplinary Commission, held on behalf of Manchester FA on Monday November 12th 2018. The charges raised against Tony Collins (TC) relate to actions he is alleged to have committed during a match between Newton Heath Locos and Todmorden Borough on 1st September 2018.

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

3. Andy McAnulty (Manchester FA) acted as Secretary to the Commission.

4. By Manchester FA Misconduct Charge Notification, dated 22nd October 2018, the following charges were raised:

Charge 1 FA Rule E3 - Improper Conduct against a Match Official (including physical contact and threatening and/or abusive language/behaviour)

Charge 2 FA Rule E3 – Improper Conduct (including violent conduct 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 TC, following his dismissal from the field of play, took a swing at the referee with his fist and then ran a further 10 yards before striking an opponent.

PLEA

7. No plea had been submitted by TC

WRITTEN EVIDENCE

8.

- a. Manchester FA Misconduct Charge Notification dated 22nd October 2018
- b. Referee's report, dated 1st September 2018
- c. Observation report from Andrew Pilling, Manager of Todmorden Borough, dated 5th September 2018

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 Charge 1 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 112 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)

Monday 12th November 2018