

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION

SURREY FA

V

DANIEL BRUMPTON

Case ID: 10983695M

WRITTEN REASONS

Background and Chronology

1. The Football Association convened a Disciplinary Commission (“the Commission”) on behalf of the Surrey FA on Monday 28 November 2022 at 6.30pm to adjudicate upon a disciplinary charge levied against Daniel Brumpton.
2. The Commission Members were Yunus Lunat (Independent Chairman of the FA National Serious Cases Panel), Ellie Menezes and Graham Fairweather (both independent members of the FA National Serious Cases Panel). Colin Hills of the Cambridgeshire FA acted as secretary to the Commission.
3. The charge arose out of a match played on 09 October 2022 between Sutton United Colts and Dorking Wanderers Youth in the Surrey Youth League.
4. By letter dated 03 November 2022 Daniel Brumpton was charged with a breach of FA Rule E3 – Improper Conduct – Assault or Attempted Assault on a match official. The details of the charge provided for Assault or Attempted Assault or Physical Contact or Attempted Physical Contact against a match official. This referred to the allegation that Daniel Brumpton ran across the pitch and allegedly threw a punch at the linesman.

5. Mr Brumpton had filed a response to the charge pleading guilty and requesting a personal hearing for a plea of mitigation.
6. A remote hearing was therefore arranged. Mr Brumpton represented himself at the hearing.
7. The following is a summary of the principal issues and matters considered. It does not purport to contain reference to all the issues or matters considered, and the absence in these reasons of reference to any particular point or submission made by any party should not be read as implying that it was not taken into consideration. For the avoidance of doubt, all the evidence and materials furnished was taken into consideration.

The Evidence and Hearing.

8. The Commission had been provided with the case documents which had been read and considered.
9. The Commission were then informed of Mr Brumpton's previous disciplinary record, which was clear.
10. The Commission heard a plea of mitigation from Mr Brumpton.
11. The Commission then considered aggravating and mitigating factors. The Commission viewed the fact on entering the field of play and the fact that the assault occurred at a youth match as aggravating factors. On the other hand, the previous clean record, the early admission and cooperation, and insight and remorse were considered as mitigating factors. The Commission also noted that it was an impulsive act upon his belief that his son was being man handled by the linesman.
12. Reference was made to all of the FA rules including the Disciplinary Regulations and Sanction Guidelines in arriving at the sanction.
13. The following sanction was imposed:
 - (i) Daniel Brumpton will be suspended from all football for 5 years. This will be by way of a ground ban in view of Mr Brumpton's role as a club official. The

suspension will be backdated to run from 03.11.22 when the interim suspension was imposed.

- (ii) He will be required to complete an educational course in person (face to face) within 28 days of this decision or before the expiration of the suspension, whichever is later, failing which he will be suspended indefinitely until completion of the course.

14. There is a right of appeal in accordance with the FA Regulations.

28 November 2022

Yunus Lunat (Independent Chairman)

Ellie Menezes

Graham Fairweather