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PROTESTS AND COMPLAINTS

Depending on the circumstances, clubs have the right to either lodge a protest or a complaint about any incident that occurs during the course of a match, including the periods before and after the match itself. This article reviews the differences between a protest and a complaint, and explains what happens in each case.

PROTESTS

A protest is an attempt by a club to have the recorded result of a match changed for any reason. Unless a formal protest is lodged, the match result will not be altered by the federation or the Tribunal. A protest must:

1. be submitted in writing within seven days of the date of the match
2. must state clearly the ground on which the appeal is to be heard, and
3. must be accompanied by the prescribed protest fee of \$50.

If the protest succeeds, the protest fee is refunded.

Protests are usually about player eligibility, which is clearly defined by the rules of competition. Protests may not be made based on decisions that result from the judgement of a referee or assistant referee.

Assistance with writing letters of protest is available from the office staff. You need to come into the office to receive this help and sign the protest letter.

COMPLAINTS

A complaint is simply an attempt to deal with a perceived wrong without the result of the match being in question. No fee is required to be paid, but the complaint must be in writing and accompanied by whatever evidence is available.

All protests are referred to the Tribunal for determination.

Complaints are investigated by the office and referred to the Tribunal if there is sufficient evidence to support the laying of disciplinary charges. Where charges are not laid as a result of a complaint, the complaint is still brought before the Management Committee which may review and override the administration's decision not to proceed.

RINGING IN RESULTS

For all matches played under the jurisdiction of the Vicsoccer the nominated home club is required to ring the result to the Vicsoccer office by no later than 6.30pm on match day. An automatic fine of \$50 is prescribed for any failure by a home club to comply with this requirement. The number to call with results is 9812 0824. The 6.30 deadline is strictly enforced, as we have made an undertaking to clubs to have the latest results and tables on our web site by no later than 8pm on match days.

If you prefer you may send the results by SMS to 0418 120 050. Please do not call this mobile number to give results over the phone. It is for SMS only. You may also fax the results to 9812 0448 or email using the website facilities or directly to info@vicsoccer.com.

Please give us the results with the HOME TEAM SCORE FIRST, regardless of which team won the match.



RESULTS

DIVISION 1 EAST SENIORS

ALBERT PARK v ETA BUFFALO	8 - 0
CLUB MAURICE v CHARLTON ATHLETIC	1 - 0
HIGHLANDER UNITED v ABADIR	3 - 1
JFG WANDERERS v OLD XAVERIANS	7 - 1
KOORYONG UNITED SC v CARRINGBUSH	4 - 0
OLD HILL WANDERERS v EAST KEW UNITED	2 - 8

DIVISION 1 PM RESERVES

HALLUM v L'EQUIPE DU DIMANCHE	NR
KENSINGTON CITY v MELBOURNE EAGLES	3 - 1
OLD MENTONIANS v ST GEORGE KNIGHTS	2 - 3
SWINBURNE v YETI SOCCER CLUB	3 - 3
THORNBURY UNITED v MONASH GRYPHON	3 - 1
TROJAN ATHLETIC v MARIBYRNONG UNITED	1 - 3

DIVISION 1 PM SENIORS

HALLUM v L'EQUIPE DU DIMANCHE	NR
KENSINGTON CITY v MELBOURNE EAGLES	3 - 2
OLD MENTONIANS v ST GEORGE KNIGHTS	2 - 0
SWINBURNE v YETI SOCCER CLUB	1 - 2
THORNBURY UNITED v MONASH GRYPHON	1 - 4
TROJAN ATHLETIC v MARIBYRNONG UNITED	1 - 1

DIVISION 1 WEST SENIORS

ALTONA CITY v FOOTSCRAY UNITED VARDAR	1 - 3
ALTONA NORTH v BARNSTONEWORTH UNITED	2 - 1
CHILE SPORT v SUNSHINE HEIGHTS CRICKET CLUB	2 - 3
LEROS UNITED v UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB	4 - 2
SOUTH PARK RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB v ASYLUM S	AB
WESTERN SLIVICA v SATELLITE CITY UNITED	3 - 1

PREMIER LEAGUE AM SENIORS

ALTONA CITY v HNK MOSTAR SAINTS	AB
CAULFIELD COUGARS v CARRINGBUSH	3 - 0
EAST KEW UNITED v ALBERT PARK SPIDERS	0 - 2
LEROS UNITED v ST ALBANS VUKOVAR	0 - 3
MIDDLE PARK FOOTBALL CLUB v MORDIALLOC FC	2 - 1
SOUTH PORT UNITED v BARNSTONEWORTH UNITED	1 - 10

PREMIER LEAGUE PM RESERVES

ALBERT PARK v ETA BUFFALO	1 - 3
CAMPBELLFIELD LIONS SC v SACRED HEART SPART	2 - 5
HNK GOSPIC BEARS v OLD XAVERIANS	4 - 0
MIDDLE PARK FOOTBALL CLUB v PRESTON SOUTH O	5 - 3
PERU UNITED v HUME VICTORY FOOTBALL CLUB	2 - 1
SINGH SABHA v HELLENIC MOORABBIN	0 - 0

PREMIER LEAGUE PM SENIORS

ALBERT PARK v ETA BUFFALO	0 - 1
CAMPBELLFIELD LIONS SC v SACRED HEART SPART	0 - 0
HNK GOSPIC BEARS v OLD XAVERIANS	5 - 1
MIDDLE PARK FOOTBALL CLUB v PRESTON SOUTH O	5 - 0
PERU UNITED v HUME VICTORY FOOTBALL CLUB	0 - 3
SINGH SABHA v HELLENIC MOORABBIN	0 - 0

CLUB LINESMEN ARE MATCH OFFICIALS TOO

This week we heard reports of a player assault on a club linesman. All clubs should note that club linesmen are match officials, and are offered the same protection against assaults as match referees. The same action will be taken against offending clubs and players, and similar penalties are available to the Tribunal.

We are still waiting on the referee's report on this one, and will act swiftly and ruthlessly if such a report reaches us.

Assaults on match officials is the most serious offence possible under our rules. Whenever we receive a report that a match official has been assaulted we immediately postpone all the accused club's matches until the matter has been referred to the Tribunal and dealt with. We normally schedule the Tribunal hearing for the first Monday after the report is received.

Clubs are charged with failing to control players and/or supporters and/or officials, depending on who the accused party is. Fines usually range from \$300 to \$1,000 per offence. Players who assault referees can expect suspensions of between one and 10 years, depending on the nature and category of the assault.

In the past, clubs have been expelled as members of the federation and disqualified from re-obtaining membership for 10 years following assaults on match officials. Suspensions on clubs for the remainder of the league season, or loss of league championship points, have also been commonly applied penalties of clubs.

It may seem strange to you, and it certainly seems strange to us, that clubs and players often attempt to justify referee assaults by claiming that the referee had not performed up to their expectations. Would these clubs tolerate the referee assaulting their players if the player made a mistake? You can bet they wouldn't! Nor should they. The referee's performance, however bad you may think it is, never justifies an assault. Never.



TABLES

DIVISION 1 EAST	SENIORS						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ALBERT PARK	13	13	0	0	80	10	39
CLUB MAURICE	12	9	0	3	31	16	27
KOORYONG UNITED	10	8	1	1	34	10	25
JFG WANDERERS	12	7	1	4	37	22	22
HIGHLANDER UNITED	10	7	0	3	15	17	21
OLD HILL WANDERERS	13	6	1	6	29	30	19
ABADIR	13	3	3	7	22	32	12
CHARLTON ATHLETIC	11	4	0	7	12	32	12
EAST KEW UNITED	11	3	1	7	23	31	10
OLD XAVERIANS	12	3	1	8	12	32	10
ETA BUFFALO	12	2	1	9	17	41	7
CARRINGBUSH	13	1	1	11	14	53	4

DIVISION 1 PM	RESERVES						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
OLD MENTONIANS	13	10	1	2	60	22	31
KENSINGTON CITY	13	10	0	3	51	21	30
MELBOURNE EAGLES	13	9	1	3	28	16	28
THORNBURY UNITED	13	7	2	4	34	22	23
MARIBYRNONG UNITED	12	6	1	5	29	27	19
HALLUM	11	6	0	5	25	30	18
YETI SOCCER CLUB	13	3	7	3	26	35	16
SWINBURNE	12	3	4	5	28	32	13
ST GEORGE KNIGHTS	13	3	4	6	24	36	13
TROJAN ATHLETIC	13	3	1	9	32	54	10
MONASH GRYPHON	13	2	1	10	11	33	7
L'EQUIPE DU DIMANCHE	11	1	2	8	21	41	5

DIVISION 1 PM	SENIORS						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
OLD MENTONIANS	13	11	0	2	52	13	33
KENSINGTON CITY	13	10	3	0	45	17	33
MELBOURNE EAGLES	13	7	3	3	26	21	24
HALLUM	12	6	3	3	21	15	21
MARIBYRNONG UNITED	13	5	4	4	23	20	19
ST GEORGE KNIGHTS	13	6	1	6	22	19	19
YETI SOCCER CLUB	13	5	1	7	18	30	16
SWINBURNE	12	3	4	5	19	25	13
TROJAN ATHLETIC	13	3	4	6	19	27	13
THORNBURY UNITED	13	3	2	8	13	29	11
MONASH GRYPHON	13	2	3	8	20	37	9
L'EQUIPE DU DIMANCHE	11	1	0	10	7	32	3

DIVISION 1 WEST	SENIORS						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WESTERN SLIVICA	13	12	0	1	69	9	36
SOUTH PARK RANGERS	12	9	1	2	43	18	28
FOOTSCRAY VARDAR	12	9	1	2	44	21	28
ALTONA NORTH	13	7	3	3	33	24	24
LEROS UNITED	13	5	4	4	38	31	19
SUNSHINE HEIGHTS CC	13	5	4	4	27	22	19
SATELLITE CITY UTD	13	5	0	8	28	46	15
ASYLUM SEEKERS	12	4	2	6	18	26	14
UFC	13	3	2	8	31	29	11
BARNSTONEWORTH UTD	13	3	2	8	18	31	11
CHILE SPORT	13	3	1	9	20	58	10
ALTONA CITY	12	1	0	11	15	69	3

PREMIER LEAGUE AM	SENIORS						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ST ALBANS VUKOVAR	13	10	3	0	40	13	33
ALBERT PARK SPIDERS	12	9	1	2	27	12	28
BARNSTONEWORTH UTD	13	8	1	4	42	21	25
HNK MOSTAR SAINTS	12	6	3	3	56	37	21
LEROS UNITED	12	4	6	2	24	18	18
CARRINGBUSH	13	5	1	7	21	34	16
MORDIALLOC FC	12	4	2	6	22	25	14
ALTONA CITY	12	4	2	6	22	25	14
SOUTH PORT UTD	12	4	2	6	30	40	14
MIDDLE PARK FC	12	2	5	5	23	42	11
CAULFIELD COUGARS	12	1	4	7	16	27	7
EAST KEW UNITED	13	0	4	9	17	46	4

PREMIER LEAGUE PM	RESERVES						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
OLD XAVERIANS	13	9	3	1	32	13	30
MIDDLE PARK FC	13	7	4	2	32	11	25
ALBERT PARK	13	6	3	4	24	20	21
ETA BUFFALO	12	6	2	4	27	22	20
SACRED HEART SPARTA	12	5	3	4	33	25	18
HNK GOSPIC BEARS	13	5	3	5	20	20	18
SINGH SABHA	13	4	5	4	19	18	17
HELLENIC MOORABBIN	12	4	3	5	21	26	15
HUME VICTORY	11	4	2	5	26	37	14
PRESTON SOUTH OHRID	13	4	1	8	16	21	13
CAMPBELLFIELD LIONS	12	2	5	5	22	25	11
PERU UNITED	13	2	0	11	15	49	6

PLAYING TIMES AND LATE STARTS

At all Vicsoccer matches, clubs are required to submit team sheets and ID cards to the match referee no later than 10 minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off time. An automatic fine of \$50 is prescribed for failure to abide by this provision. A similar automatic penalty applies to any club that is the cause of a late start for any other reason. A late start is deemed to have occurred if the match starts later than 10 minutes after the scheduled kick-off time for any reason.

If a match has not started within 30 minutes of the specified kick-off time due to either team not being on the park ready to play, then upon receipt of the referee's report, the team that was on the park ready to play shall be declared the winner.

No match shall commence if it is more than 30 minutes after the scheduled kick-off time.

All Vicsoccer league matches are scheduled to play two 45 minute halves. The referee may shorten each half by not more than 10 minutes per half to compensate for a late start.