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## MFA TEMPORARY DISMISSALS

### Background

The Macarthur Football Association in association with the MDFRA implemented modified Temporary Dismissals in the 2018 season for junior games. This document sets out the modified application of Temporary Dismissals in MFA competitions for the 2019 season. The application is generally in accordance with the Laws of the Game subject to the modifications as per this document.

### Application

Temporary dismissals will apply to all MFA Competitions including M-League.

The Temporary dismissal period will be five (5) minutes for all junior matches (excluding SSG) up to and including U16.

The Temporary Dismissal Period for all other competitions including M-League will be ten (10) minutes.

### Implementation

The Temporary Dismissals will be implemented as per the Guidelines for temporary dismissals (sin bins) as per the 2018-19 Laws of the Game (**LOTG**) subject to the following (the applicable guidelines from the LOTG are extracted at the end of this document).

- Only cautions to players for dissent (YC) will be punished by a temporary dismissal.
- A player who is cautioned for dissent receives a yellow card and is punished with a temporary dismissal.
- A player who receives a second caution (YC) will receive a red card for receiving two cautions in the same match. That player takes no further part in the match and cannot be replaced.
- A caution punished by temporary dismissal will be marked on the match card as a Y2 caution.
- The temporary dismissal area will be the team's technical area.

### Extracts from Laws of the Game

#### **Law 5 – The Referee (Powers and duties):**

#### **Disciplinary action**



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The referee has the power to show yellow or red cards and, where competition rules permit, temporarily dismiss a player, from entering the field at the start of the match until after the match has ended, including during the half-time interval, extra time and kicks from the penalty mark

A temporary dismissal is when a player commits a cautionable (YC) offence and is punished by an immediate 'suspension' from participating in the next part of that match. The philosophy is that an 'instant punishment' can have a significant and immediate positive influence on the behaviour of the offending player and, potentially, the player's team.

## Players only

Temporary dismissals apply to all players (including goalkeepers) but not for cautionable offences (YCs) committed by a substitute or substituted player

## Referee's signal

The referee will indicate a temporary dismissal by showing a yellow card (YC) and then clearly pointing with both arms to the temporary dismissal area (usually the player's technical area)

## The temporary dismissal period

The length of the temporary dismissal is the same for all offences

The length of the temporary dismissal should be between 10–15% of the total playing time (e.g. 10 minutes in a 90-minute match; 8 minutes in an 80-minute match)

The temporary dismissal period begins when play restarts after the player has left the field of play

The referee should include in the temporary dismissal period any time 'lost' for a stoppage for which 'additional time' will be allowed at the end of the half (e.g. substitution, injury etc...)

Competitions must decide who will help the referee time the dismissal period – it could be the responsibility of a delegate, 4th official or neutral assistant referee; conversely it could be a team official

Once the temporary dismissal period has been completed, the player can return from the touchline with the referee's permission, which can be given while the ball is in play

The referee has the final decision as to when the player can return

A temporarily dismissed player can not be substituted until the end of the temporary dismissal period (but not if the team has used all its permitted substitutes)

If a temporary dismissal period has not been completed at the end of the first half (or the end of the second half when extra time is to be played) the remaining part of the temporary dismissal period is served from the start of the second half (start of extra time)

A player who is still serving a temporary dismissal at the end of the match is permitted to take part in kicks from the penalty mark (penalties)

## Temporary dismissal area

A temporarily dismissed player should remain within the technical area (where one exists) or with the team's coach/technical staff, unless 'warming up' (under the same conditions as a substitute)



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## Offences before/during/after a temporary dismissal

A temporarily dismissed player who commits a cautionable (YC) or sending-off (RC) offence during their temporary dismissal period will take no further part in the match and may not be replaced or substituted

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