

Match Review Panel

1. Purpose of Match Review Panel

- 1.1 Match Review Panel is set up to review all Hong Kong Premier League matches as organized by HKFA, and to follow-up incidents that took place during a match which have escaped from referees' attention.

2. Constitution of Match Review Panel

- 2.1 The Match Review Panel will be constituted by three (3) members, including one (1) competitions department representative, one (1) technical department representative and one (1) referee department representative.
- 2.2 Each member in the Match Review Panel shall have one (1) vote to decide on whether or not a charge can be laid against a player and/or team official involving in an incident that took place during a match which has escaped from a referee's attention.

3. Post-match Review of Hong Kong Premier League Matches

- 3.1 One (1) to two (2) retired referees shall review the broadcast footage of all matches played in the Hong Kong Premier League as organized by HKFA within two weeks as such matches have completed. In essence, the review comprised of, but not limited to, the following:
 - player's violent conduct if using excessive force or brutality against an opponent when not challenging for the ball or misconduct behavior which should have been sanctioned with a direct red card that escaped from a referee's attention;
 - incidents of misconduct of team official which should have been sanctioned with expulsion that escaped from a referee's attention; and
 - incidents of misconduct of player outside the jurisdiction of match officials
- 3.2 If the retired referee(s) determines that an incident has been escaped the Referee's attention, the incident will be reported to the Match Review Panel for further review.
- 3.3 After a review of the broadcast footage and any referee's and match official reports, in Match Review Panel's sole opinion, determines that either:
 - the referee did not see the incident;
 - the referee's view of the incident was not sufficiently clear for him or her to rule on the incident; or
 - the incident was not drawn to the referee's attention by an assistant referee.

The Match Review Panel, in making its determination, will if necessary seek confirmation from the referee that the incident escaped his or her attention.

- 3.4 In the event that the Match Review Panel decides to lay a charge against a player and/or team official, such decision shall be final not subject to challenge, and the Match Review Panel shall inform the HKFA Secretariat of such decision;
- 3.5 If the Match Review Panel determines that an offence has been committed, the procedures for contesting a charge as recommended by the Match Review Panel shall follow the pre-existing procedures as already set out in HKFA's Disciplinary Code

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