

MATCH REVIEW PANEL

THURSDAY 25 JULY 2024

On Thursday 25 July 2024, the Football Queensland Match Review Panel (MRP) convened to consider an incident arising from Round 19 of the NPL Men & FQPL 1 Men competitions.

Sunshine Coast Wanderers vs Peninsula Power – Josah Hitchcock (Peninsula Power)

The MRP considered an incident involving Josah Hitchcock of Peninsula Power on or around the 39th minute of Peninsula Power's NPL Men match against Sunshine Coast Wanderers on Sunday 21 July.

In accordance with the Football Queensland Disciplinary Regulations (the **Regulations**), the MRP has the authority to consider the incident as Hitchcock was issued with a direct Red Card by the referee.

The MRP determined that Hitchcock committed the offence of 'R2 01-01 Excessive conduct when the ball is not in play or playing distance'. The minimum sanction for the offence is two (2) matches, being the Mandatory Match Suspension plus one (1) additional match.

The MRP confirmed that Hitchcock will serve a suspension of four (4) matches, being the minimum sanction for the offence plus two (2) additional fixtures reflecting the severity of the offence.

Broadbeach United vs Eastern Suburbs – Sean Hughes (Broadbeach United)

The MRP considered an incident involving Sean Hughes of Broadbeach United on or around the 99th minute of Broadbeach United's FQPL 1 Men match against Eastern Suburbs on Saturday 20 July.

In accordance with the Football Queensland Disciplinary Regulations (the **Regulations**), the MRP has the authority to consider the incident as Hughes was issued with a direct Red Card by the referee.

The MRP determined that Hughes committed the offence of 'R5 Denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the opponent's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick'. The minimum sanction for the offence is one (1) match, being the Mandatory Match Suspension.

Being Hughes' second direct red card of the season, pursuant to the Regulations an additional match suspension is added on to any sanction given. The MRP confirmed that Hughes will serve a suspension of two (2) matches, being the minimum sanction for the offence plus an additional match for a second direct red card of the season.

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