

MATCH REVIEW PANEL

THURSDAY 6 MARCH 2025

On Thursday 6 March 2025, the Football Queensland Match Review Panel (MRP) convened to consider five incidents arising from Round 2 of the NPL Men and FQPL 1 Men competitions, and Round 4 of the NPL Women competition.

NPL Women: North Lakes United vs Sunshine Coast Wanderers – Emilie Adams (North Lakes United)

The MRP considered an incident involving Emilie Adams of North Lakes United and the subsequent conduct of a spectator from North Lakes United on or around the 90th minute of North Lakes United's NPL Women fixture against Sunshine Coast Wanderers on Saturday 1 March 2025.

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

Additionally, North Lakes United was issued with a Show Cause Notice (the **Notice**) pertaining to this incident on Monday 3 March 2025 and provided a response to the Notice which was considered by the MRP alongside the Match Officials reports of the incident.

The MRP determined that Adams committed the offence of '*R8 04-01 Use offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures towards a Match Official (isolated incident)*'. The minimum sanction for the offence is four (4) matches, being the Mandatory Match Suspension plus three (3) additional fixtures.

The MRP confirmed that Adams will serve a suspension of four (4) matches, being the minimum sanction for the offence.

Additionally, Football Queensland has issued a two month suspension from all football venues to a spectator who was charged under offence code '*10-01 Use of discriminatory, homophobic, racist, religious, ethnic or sexist language and/or gestures*' from Table E of the Regulations for their conduct in the aftermath of the incident.

The MRP would like to thank North Lakes United for their cooperation during this investigation and remind all participants that misconduct towards Match Officials will not be tolerated.

NPL Men: Wynnum Wolves vs Gold Coast Knights – Lucas Martins (Wynnum Wolves)

The MRP considered an incident involving Lucas Martins of Wynnum Wolves on or around the 80th minute of Wynnum Wolves' NPL Men fixture against Gold Coast Knights on Saturday 1 March 2025.

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

The MRP determined that Martins committed the offence of '*R1 01-01 Serious foul play tackle*'. The minimum sanction for the offence is one (1) match, being the Mandatory Match Suspension.

The MRP confirmed that Martins will serve a suspension of one (1) match, being the minimum sanction for the offence.

NPL Women: FQ Academy QAS vs Brisbane City – Julia Duffy (Brisbane City)

The MRP considered an incident involving Julia Duffy of Brisbane City on or around the 79th minute of Brisbane City's NPL Women fixture against FQ Academy QAS on Saturday 1 March 2025.

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

The MRP determined that Duffy 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.

The MRP confirmed that Duffy will serve a suspension of one (1) match, being the minimum sanction for the offence.

FQPL 1 Men: Broadbeach United vs Ipswich FC – Andrew Catton (Ipswich FC)

The MRP considered an incident involving Andrew Catton of Ipswich FC on or around the 95th minute of Ipswich FC's FQPL 1 Men fixture against Broadbeach United on Saturday 1 March 2025.

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

The MRP determined that in the aftermath of being issued with a Second Caution Red Card by the referee, Catton committed the offence of '*R8 04-01 Use offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures towards a Match Official (isolated incident)*'. The minimum sanction for the offence is four (4) matches, being the Mandatory Match Suspension plus three (3) additional fixtures.

The MRP confirmed that Catton will serve a suspension of four (4) matches, being the minimum sanction for the offence.

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The MRP would like to remind all participants that offensive, insulting or abusive language towards Match Officials will not be tolerated at any time.

NPL Men: Olympic FC vs Moreton City Excelsior

The MRP considered an incident involving spectators, players and officials at full time of the NPL Men fixture between Olympic FC and Moreton City Excelsior on Sunday 2 March 2025.

Both Olympic FC and Moreton City Excelsior were issued with a Show Cause Notice (the **Notice**) pertaining to this incident on Monday 3 March 2025. Both clubs provided a response to the Notice which was considered by the MRP alongside the Match Officials reports of the incident.

After review of the incident and all associated submissions today, the MRP has determined the following outcomes from the investigation:

- Two spectators have been charged under offence code '12-01 *Instigator of a Melee (Non-violent)*' from Table E of the Football Queensland Disciplinary Regulations (the **Regulations**) and are both issued with a **6 month suspension from all football venues;**
- Olympic FC to be fined **\$1000** under offence code '04-01 *Failure to provide a safe environment for Participants or to maintain public order at a Match*' from Table E of the Regulations.

The MRP would like to thank both Olympic FC and Moreton City Excelsior for their cooperation during this investigation. The MRP would like to remind all clubs and spectators of the Regulatory requirement to abide by Football Australia's Spectator Code of Conduct at all times when attending matches.

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