



FOOTBALL  
NSW

## GPT NOTICE OF DETERMINATION.

Proceeding under section 8.5 of the  
FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations

### Proceeding Details:

<b>Tribunal reference</b>	MGPT 16-25
<b>Date of hearing</b>	2 June 2016
<b>Time of hearing</b>	8.30 p.m.
<b>Venue of hearing</b>	FNSW
<b>Tribunal Member(s)</b>	Louis FAYD'HERBE
<b>Respondent</b>	Geoff GIDNEY (FFA: 54152046)
<b>Fixture</b>	U13s Women's National Premier League 2 (WNPL2) Southern Shire Football V Sydney Olympic FC on 22 May 2016 at Harrie Denning Reserve, Kareela

***This Notice constitutes the General Purposes Tribunal's Determination resulting from the Tribunal hearing listed above.***

### Charge(s) and Determination(s):

<b>Charge(s)</b>	<b>Tribunal determination</b>
<p>1. The Respondent (Geoff Gidney) used offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures towards or about a Match Official in breach of section 15.4(d), Schedule 3, Table B, Number 1 of the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations (<b>Regulations</b>).</p>	<p>1. <u>Plea</u>: Guilty. <u>Finding</u>: Guilty</p> <p><u>Determination</u>: Three (3) fixtures suspension (MMS + 2 Fixtures).</p> <p><u>Reasons</u>: <i>The GPT concluded that there was sufficient evidence to show that the Respondent Geoff Gidney "during the Match yelled to the Match Officials that this was the most disgraceful decision ...she is only 10 years old."</i></p> <p><i>The Coach was warned for his language and outburst.</i></p> <p><i>The Coach then questioned the Match Official asking "Are you going to give me a red card", he continued in his outburst and said to the Match Official that the decision " was the worst decision he had ever seen".</i></p> <p><i>The Respondent is suspended for three (3) Fixtures for the offence under Charge 1 from all Football related activities including coaching, training and spectating.</i></p>

**Costs:**

The Tribunal determined that the costs of the Tribunal, as determined by FNSW, be met by the Respondent.

Aggrieved parties to a determination of the FNSW General Purposes Tribunal may lodge an appeal to the FNSW Appeals Tribunal in accordance with sections 8.8 and 9.2 of the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations. Any appeal must be submitted by completing the online Notice of Appeal form (Prescribed Form 12 – available on the FNSW website or by clicking [here](#)) and lodging the relevant Application Fee (\$750) within 7 working days of this determination being issued.

**3 June 2016**

Louis Fayd'herbe  
Member

**GENERAL PURPOSES TRIBUNAL**