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STATEMENT REGARDING THE INDEPENDENT DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE DECISION

Modbury Vista Soccer Club (MVSC) was referred to the Independent Disciplinary Committee (IDC) for alleged breaches of the Football SA (FSA) Competition Rules and Regulations and the Football Federation Australia and FSA Codes of Conduct due to spectator behaviour during and following the State League 2 (SL2) game played against Gawler Eagles Soccer Club (GESC) on 11 September 2020.

The Independent Disciplinary Committee (IDC) convened on 23 September 2020 and determined they would adjourn the hearing to provide the clubs more time to review all of the evidence, including video evidence submitted by GESC, MVSC, the Match Officials and independent statements. The hearing was reconvened on 30 September 2020 where following a review of all of the evidence MVSC pleaded guilty to all charges.

The penalty imposed by the IDC took into consideration previous warnings the Club had received in 2019 and 2020 for similar offences. The MVSC Committee considered the penalty imposed and resolved to not appeal.

The penalty that has been given is:

A 6 competition point deduction with an additional 6 competition point deduction suspended for the 2020 and 2021 seasons

A ban on any spectators for the next 2 home games

A \$2,500 fine with an additional \$2,500 fine suspended for the 2020 and 2021 season

The events that occurred during this game do not in any way reflect the values or actions of the Club or its members. The Committee acknowledges that the actions of a GESC player, who has been sanctioned by the IDC, contributed to the events that unfolded, however, the Club understands this does not justify the resulting behaviour of some of the spectators in attendance at that game.

MVSC is a community club that is committed to providing a positive and welcoming environment to everyone associated with the club and those that visit. The Committee understands and acknowledges that there is banter in all sport, but it will not tolerate any form of abuse or vilification by players, officials or spectators. That is not the culture or the reputation that the MVSC wants for its club.

On 14 October 2020, members of the Committee met with the MVSC SL2 players and coaches to advise the club has accepted the penalty imposed on the club and that no appeal will be lodged.

The Committee recognises that the penalty affects the SL2 playing group with the deduction of competition points and the ban on spectators for the next 2 home games. Although on this occasion the incident occurred at a SL2 game, the entire Club is responsible for adherence to the Code of Conduct and unacceptable behaviour by players, coaches or spectators will not be tolerated at any level. This penalty is a whole of club penalty but as the highest playing representatives of the Club the IDC has deducted the points from this team.

Regards,

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Secretary

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