**POLICY ON MANAGING SUSPENSIONS AND MISCONUCT PRIOR TO THE START OF COMPETITION FOOTBALL IN 2020/21**

It is recognised that there are numerous players with in complete suspensions from the end of 2019/20. Under FAW Rules, these players should be suspended from all friendly matches prior to the start of the next League season. The Association Board recognises that we are in a very unusual situation and have therefore agreed the following processes to be adopted which has been supported by the FA of Wales.

**1. Suspension under the automatic disciplinary process that were incomplete from the cessation of the 2019/20 season.**

Individuals with incomplete suspensions from the end of the 2019/20 season that were incurred under the automatic processes e.g. a sending-off or an accumulation of cautions would be allowed to play in friendly matches and the unexpired portion of their suspension would be held in abeyance until the first League matches of the re-start season. If no league matches are arranged in 2020/21, the suspension would be carried forward to 2021/22.

**2. Individuals who were serving suspensions for misconduct reports that were incomplete from the cessation**

The same principles as the previous paragraph would apply if the suspensions were match suspensions or touchline suspensions subject to any financial penalty also being paid.

An individual who had not paid a financial penalty would remain suspended from all aspects of Association football until the financial sanction had been cleared. Unused matches of touchline or match suspensions would still be carried forward and imposed when league football restarted.

Individuals who received all aspects of football suspensions would be prohibited from being involved in friendly matches and the unexpired number of matches would be carried forward until League football restarted.

**3. Individuals with suspensions that were set to expire on a specific date.**

Anyone who has been issued a suspension to expire on a specified date (e.g. 31 December 2020) will be suspended from playing matches until that date has passed. They will be able to involved in matches after the date of expiry of the suspension provided they have satisfied any financial sanctions that may have been imposed.

4. **Misconduct in friendly matches.**

REFEREES HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED THAT ALL MISCONDUCT SHOULD BE REPORTED IN THE USUAL WAY.

Suspensions would be managed in the same way as outlined in points 1 & 2 above. An accumulation of cautions and individual sending-offs would have suspensions that would be served by missing league matches when the competition season restarts, individuals would be allowed to take part in friendly matches in the meantime. Individuals who were the subject of misconduct reports would be dealt with by Area Association disciplinary commissions. If the commission imposed a match or touchline suspension, this would be served by missing competition matches once a competitive season re-started, If a financial sanction was also imposed, the individual would be subject to an all aspects of Association Football suspension if this was not settled in 31 days and then prohibited from playing in any friendly matches.

If a Commission decided to impose an all aspects of football suspension then the individual would not be permitted to take part in friendly matches and would be suspended until he had missed the required number of League games.