

- 9.10.1** A challenge on the basis of mistaken identity on a team sheet or in a Match Official Send-Off/Expulsion Report
- 9.10.2** At the end of a Match, the relevant Team Official must sign the team sheet confirming that all details on the team sheet, including the attribution of Yellow Cards, Red Cards and Expulsions, are correct.
- 9.10.3** If the Team Official believes that a Participant has been mistakenly identified on the team sheet by a Match Official as having received a Yellow Card or Red Card or been Expelled, the Team Official must indicate same (with brief reasons) on the team sheet prior to signing it. Failure to do so will result in a fine against the Club.
- 9.10.4** Unless there are exceptional circumstances (to be determined by the Board in its absolute discretion), if a Team Official has failed to comply with the requirement set out in Mistaken Identity rule
- 9.10.5** If a Participant believes that he or she has been mistakenly identified on the team sheet by a Match Official as having received a Yellow Card or Red Card or been Expelled or has been mistakenly identified in a Match Official Send-Off/ Expulsion Report, the Participant must notify Football NSW by submitting the following:
- 9.10.6** WHAT:
- 9.10.7** **COMPULSORY:** a signed written statement by the Participant who was reported by the Match Official in any team sheet or Match Official Send- Off/Expulsion Report stating that he or she was not responsible for the offence and identifying, to the best of his or her knowledge, the name of the Participant responsible (Form 4)
- (a) **OPTION 1:** a signed written statement by the Participant who was responsible for the offence (Form 1)  
OR
- (b) **OPTION 2:** a signed written statement from the Participant's Club identifying, to the best of its knowledge, the name of the Participant who was responsible for the offence (Form 3)
- 9.10.8** **OPTIONAL:** any other evidence which may support the claim for mistaken identity including, but not limited to, any video or photo evidence.
- 9.10.9** **WHEN:**
- (a) **Within (24) twenty-Four hours following the completion of the Match.**
- 9.10.10** **HOW:**
- (a) Email a signed Form 1 (compulsory) and Form 2 or Form 3 to S DFA. secretary@shoalhavenfootball.com.au
- 9.10.11** Participants should note that the time limit set out above is strict. Unless there are exceptional circumstances (to be determined by the Executive in its absolute discretion), if a Participant fails to comply with the requirements prescribed under Mistaken Identity by the time specified therein, the Participant identified on the team sheet or in the Match Official Send-Off/Expulsion Report is deemed to have been responsible for the Offence and may, subject to the Executive's consideration of the matter, be issued with a Suspension. Further, that Participant is deemed to have waived his or her right to challenge under this section 7.8.

- 9.10.12** *After considering the written statements and any other evidence provided, SDFA will decide whether the claim for mistaken identity should be rejected or upheld.*
- 9.10.13** *If SDFA rejects a claim for mistaken identity and*
- (a) A Suspension in relation to the matter has already been issued to the Participant, the original decision set out in the Suspension continues to apply; or*
  - (b) a Notice of Suspension in relation to the matter has not already been issued to the Participant, SDFA will determine the Suspension, and issue a Notice of Suspension to the Participant's Club,*
- 9.10.14** *If SDFA upholds a mistaken identity claim, the Yellow Card or Red Card issued to the original Participant will be expunged and the Suspension issued (if any) will be rescinded by SDFA.*
- 9.10.15** *If the SDFA upholds any mistaken identity claim and makes a finding in respect of the identity of the actual offender, SDFA must determine or re-determine the matter, as the case may be, as if it were dealing with a fresh matter.*
- 9.10.16** *SDFA must, as soon as is practicable, issue its determination in writing to the Participant's Club and, if applicable, set out the Suspension imposed on the actual offender in a Notice of Suspension and issue same to that Participant's Club. That Club must, as soon as is practicable, advise the Participant of the Suspension and provide the Participant with a copy of the Notice of Suspension. Failure by the Club to do so will result in a fine against the Club.*
- 9.10.17** *Appealing a decision in respect of a challenge (mistaken identity)*
- 9.10.18** *The decision to reject a challenge brought in accordance with (Challenging a decision on the basis of mistaken identity in a Match Official Send-Off/ Expulsion Report) may be appealed to the Appeals Tribunal set up by the Board of SDFA.*
- 9.10.19** *The right of appeal is limited under this section to the Participant who brought the challenge in form 2.*
- 9.10.20** *If a Participant wants to appeal the Participant must, within seven (7) working days of the issuance of SDFA's decision:*
- (a) Pay to SDFA the relevant Application Fee as laid out in section 10 of the rules with the appeal documents.*
  - (b) ii. Submit to SDFA completed and signed Notice of Appeal – Challenge on the basis of mistaken identity (Form 4);*
  - (c) submit to SDFA all supporting material, including any additional evidence and submit to SDFA any written submissions the Participant intends to rely on.*

**9.10.21** *Participant should note the time limits set out above are strict. Unless there are any exceptional circumstances (to be determined by the Board in its absolute discretion), if SDFA does not receive the material and the Application fee prescribed in section 10 by the time specified therein, the Participant is deemed to have waived his or her right to appeal the decision.*