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**SANCTION AGREEMENT**

**between**

**THE PREMIER LEAGUE**

**and**

**MANCHESTER CITY FC**

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**Introduction**

1. Capitalised terms not otherwise defined in this Sanction Agreement or its covering letter shall bear the meanings given to them in the Season 2024/25 edition of the Premier League Rules (the '**Rules**').

**Applicable Rules**

2. The Premier League Board (the '**Board**') has jurisdiction over Manchester City FC (the '**Club**') pursuant to the following provisions:

- a. Rule L.33 of the Rules:

*'Any Club which without good reason causes to be delayed either the kick-off of a League Match from the time fixed or the re-start after the half-time interval shall be dealt with under the provisions of Section W (Disciplinary) of these Rules.'*

- b. Rule W.3.7 of the Rules:

*'The Board shall have power to deal with any suspected or alleged breach of these Rules by:*

*...*

*W.3.7. concluding an agreement in writing with that Person in which it accepts a sanction (which may include any of the sanctions referred to at Rule W.51) proposed by the Board, provided that agreement has been ratified in accordance with Rule W.13 (a "**Sanction Agreement**").'*

**Agreed Facts**

3. From the start of Season 2024/25 to the date of this Sanction Agreement, the Club accepts causing a delay to the kick-off of a League Match and/or the re-start after the half-time interval of a League Match without good reason (contrary to Rule L.33) on nine occasions. The table below provides a summary of the Club's accepted breaches and the action that the Board has taken pursuant to Rule W.3.3 of the Rules in respect of breaches (1) to (4) in Season 2024/25:

No.	Fixture	Type of delay	Length of delay	Sanction
<b>Season 2024/25</b>				
1.	<b>Manchester City FC</b> v Southampton FC, 26 October 2024	Delay to re-start	2 minutes and 10 seconds	£40,000 (Rule W.3.3)
2.	<b>Manchester City FC</b> v Tottenham Hotspur FC, 23 November 2024	Delay to kick-off	1 minute and 38 seconds	£60,000 (Rule W.3.3)
3.	<b>Manchester City FC</b> v Nottingham Forest FC, 4 December 2024	Delay to re-start	1 minute and 59 seconds	£80,000 (Rule W.3.3)
4.	Crystal Palace FC v <b>Manchester City FC</b> , 7 December 2024	Delay to re-start	1 minute and 29 seconds	£100,000 (Rule W.3.3)
5.	<b>Manchester City FC</b> v Manchester United FC, 15 December 2024	Delay to both kick-off and re-start	1 minute and 18 seconds to kick-off and 2 minutes and 24 seconds to re-start	See paragraph 6.a below
6.	Aston Villa FC v <b>Manchester City FC</b> , 21 December 2024	Delay to re-start	2 minutes and 9 seconds	See paragraph 6.b below
7.	<b>Manchester City FC</b> v West Ham United FC, 4 January 2025	Delay to re-start	1 minute and 42 seconds	See paragraph 6.c below
8.	Ipswich Town FC v <b>Manchester City FC</b> , 19 January 2025	Delay to re-start	2 minutes and 22 seconds	See paragraph 6.d below
9.	<b>Manchester City FC</b> v Newcastle United FC, 15 February 2025	Delay to re-start	1 minute and 42 seconds	See paragraph 6.e below

4. The Club has accepted and apologised for the breaches set out in paragraph 3, above, and confirmed that it has reminded the Club's players and football management teams of their responsibilities in complying with Rule L.33.

#### **Agreed Sanction**

5. The Board has confirmed to the Club that it is willing to resolve the contemplated disciplinary proceedings against the Club for breaches (5) to (9) in Season 2024/25 in paragraph 3, above, on the terms set out in paragraph 6 below ('**Terms**'), and the Club has accepted such Terms.

#### *Terms*

6. In respect of breaches (5) to (9) in Season 2024/25:
- a fine in the sum of £125,000 in respect of the Club's fifth breach;
  - a fine in the sum of £125,000 in respect of the Club's sixth breach;
  - a fine in the sum of £150,000 in respect of the Club's seventh breach;
  - a fine in the sum of £210,000 in respect of the Club's eighth breach; and
  - a fine in the sum of £190,000 in respect of the Club's ninth breach.

*Next steps*

7. Payment of the sums set out in paragraph 6 above, will be made to the Premier League within 14 days of the execution of this Sanction Agreement.



## **RATIFICATION**

As members of the Disciplinary Panel appointed pursuant to Rule W.14 of the Premier League Rules, we agree that the sanction set out in the proposed Sanction Agreement should be ratified and it can be concluded immediately by the Premier League and Manchester City FC and take immediate effect thereafter:

HH Alan Greenwood

**Name and title**

**Signature**

27 May 2025

**Date**

Dr Leanne O'Leary

**Name and title**

**Signature**

27 May 2025

**Date**

Mr Kwadjo Adjepong

**Name and title**

**Signature**

27 May 2025

**Date**

**EXECUTION**

By signing this Sanction Agreement, we acknowledge that we have read and understood its contents and that we agree to be bound by the Terms.

[Redacted Signature]

**Name and title**  
**For and on behalf of the Premier League**

**Signature**

[Redacted Signature]

**Date**

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**For and on behalf of Manchester City FC**

[Redacted Signature]

**Date**