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**SANCTION AGREEMENT**

between

**THE PREMIER LEAGUE**

and

**LEEDS UNITED 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 2025/26 edition of the Premier League Rules (the 'Rules').

**Applicable Rules**

2. The Premier League Board (the 'Board') has jurisdiction over Leeds United 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.6.7 of the Rules:

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

...

*W.6.7. 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.55) proposed by the Board, provided that agreement has been ratified in accordance with Rule W.17 (a "Sanction Agreement").'*

**Agreed Facts**

3. Contrary to Rule L.33, from the start of Season 2025/26 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 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.6.3 in respect of breaches (1) to (8) in Season 2025/26:

No.	Fixture	Type of delay	Length of delay	Sanction
<b>Season 2025/26</b>				
1.	Leeds United FC v Everton FC, 18 August 2025	Delay to kick-off and re-start	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kick-off: two minutes</li> <li>• Re-start: two minutes and 25 seconds</li> </ul>	£10,000
2.	Leeds United FC v Newcastle United FC, 30 August 2025	Delay to kick-off	One minute and 24 seconds	£10,000
3.	Fulham FC v Leeds United FC, 13 September 2025	Delay to re-start	One minute and 17 seconds	£20,000
4.	Burnley FC v Leeds United FC, 18 October 2025	Delay to kick-off	Two minutes and 50 seconds	£20,000
5.	Brighton and Hove Albion FC v Leeds United FC, 1 November 2025	Delay to kick-off and re-start	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kick-off: one minute and 45 seconds</li> <li>• Re-start: two minutes and one second</li> </ul>	£75,000
6.	Nottingham Forest FC v Leeds United FC, 9 November 2025	Delay to kick-off and re-start	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kick-off: one minute and 54 seconds</li> <li>• Re-start: one minute and 20 seconds</li> </ul>	£85,000
7.	Manchester City FC v Leeds United FC, 29 November 2025	Delay to re-start	One minute and 30 seconds	£90,000
8.	Brentford FC v Leeds United FC, 14 December 2025	Delay to re-start	One minute and 20 seconds	£100,000
9.	Leeds United FC v Fulham FC, 17 January 2026	Delay to re-start	One minute and 27 seconds	See paragraph 6 below

4. The Club has accepted and apologised for the breaches set out in paragraph 3 above and confirmed that improvement in respect of Rule L.33 has become a key objective for the Club, with staff and players working hard towards improving compliance.

#### **Agreed Sanction**

5. The Board has confirmed to the Club that it is willing to resolve the contemplated disciplinary proceedings against the Club for breach (9) in Season 2025/26 in paragraph 3 above and any further breaches of Rule L.33 by the Club in Season 2025/26 on the terms set out in paragraphs 6-8 below ('Terms'), and the Club has accepted such Terms.

#### *Terms*

6. In respect of breach (9) in Season 2025/26 a fine in the sum of £120,000 shall be imposed (which includes £20,000 for repeat offending, see further paragraph 7(b) below).
7. In the event the Club commits any further breach(es) of Rule L.33 in Season 2025/26:
- a. a fine in the sum of:
    - i. £100,000 for any delay (to the kick-off and/or re-start after the half-time interval) between one minute and one minute and 30 seconds;
    - ii. £130,000 for any delay (to the kick-off and/or re-start after the half-time interval) between one minute and 30 seconds and two minutes;

- iii. £170,000 for any delay (to the kick-off and/or re-start after the half-time interval) in excess of two minutes;
- b. an additional cumulative sum of £20,000 for each successive breach shall be imposed on top of the sanctions set out in paragraph 7(a) above to account for the Club's repeat offending. For the avoidance of doubt, the sum set out at paragraph 6 above takes into account the first additional cumulative sum of £20,000 and so a further breach will attract a £40,000 uplift, and so on; and
- c. notwithstanding the foregoing, the following caps shall apply to each fine imposed:
  - i. a cap of £200,000 in respect of delays (to the kick-off and/or re-start after the half-time interval) up to two minutes and 30 seconds; and
  - ii. a cap of £250,000 in respect of delays (to the kick-off and/or re-start after the half-time interval) in excess of two minutes and 30 seconds.

*Next steps*

- 8. Payment of the sum set out in paragraph 6 above will be made to the Premier League within 14 days of the execution of this Sanction Agreement and any additional fines pursuant to paragraph 7 above shall be payable within 14 days of receiving an invoice from the Premier League.



**RATIFICATION**

As members of the Disciplinary Panel appointed pursuant to Rule W.16 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 Leeds United FC and take immediate effect thereafter:

Katherine Apps KC\*(Chair)

Name and title



Signature

4 March 2026

Date

Dr Leanne O'Leary

Name and title

Signature

4 March 2026

Date

Mr Kwadjo Adjepong

Name and title

Signature

4 March 2026

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.

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For and on behalf of the Premier League

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Date

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For and on behalf of Leeds United FC

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Date