



SANCTION AGREEMENT

between

THE PREMIER LEAGUE

and

ASTON VILLA FC (the 'CLUB')

Introduction

1. In this Sanction Agreement, the Club admits that it has acted in breach of Rule L.33 on multiple occasions during Season 2025/26 and accepts a sanction imposed by the Premier League Board ('**Board**'), pursuant to its powers under Rule W.6.7.
2. 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

3. Under 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.'

4. Under 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

5. 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. Breaches (1) to (8) have already been sanctioned by the Board. The sanction for breach (9) is the subject of this Sanction Agreement:

| No. | Fixture | Type of delay | Length of delay | Sanction |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Season 2025/26 | | | | |
| 1. | Brentford FC v Aston Villa FC , 23 August 2025 | Delay to kick-off | One minute and 33 seconds | £5,000 |
| 2. | Sunderland AFC v Aston Villa FC , 21 September 2025 | Delay to re-start | One minute and 32 seconds | £10,000 |
| 3. | Aston Villa FC v Manchester City FC, 26 October 2025 | Delay to re-start | One minute and 50 seconds | £25,000 |
| 4. | Aston Villa FC v Manchester United FC, 21 December 2025 | Delay to re-start | One minute and 52 seconds | £40,000 |
| 5. | Aston Villa FC v Everton FC, 18 January 2026 | Delay to re-start | One minute and 13 seconds | £60,000 |
| 6. | Aston Villa FC v Brentford FC, 1 February 2026 | Delay to kick-off | One minute and 41 seconds | £80,000 |
| 7. | Aston Villa FC v Leeds United FC, 21 February 2026 | Delay to kick-off and re-start | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kick-off: one minute and 10 seconds • Re-start: one minute and 58 seconds | £100,000 |
| 8. | Wolverhampton Wanderers FC v Aston Villa FC , 27 February 2026 | Delay to re-start | One minute and 30 seconds | £100,000 |
| 9. | Aston Villa FC v Chelsea FC, 4 March 2026 | Delay to re-start | One minute and 45 seconds | See paragraph 8 below |

6. The Club has accepted and apologised for each of the above breaches and confirmed that it is dedicated to improving its compliance with Rule L.33 going forward.

Agreed Sanction

7. The Board has confirmed to the Club that it is willing to resolve the contemplated disciplinary proceedings against the Club for breach (9) above on the terms set out in paragraph 8 below ('Terms'). The Club has accepted the Terms.

Terms

8. In respect of breach (9), the sanction will be a fine in the sum of £150,000. This includes (a) a fine in the sum of £130,000 for a delay (to the kick-off and/or re-start after the half-time interval) between one minute and 30 seconds and two minutes and (b) an increase of £20,000 to reflect the aggravating nature of the Club's repeat offending.

Next steps

9. Payment of the sum set out in paragraph 8 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.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 Aston Villa FC and take immediate effect thereafter:

Ifeanyi Odogwu, Chair

Name and title

Ifeanyi Odogwu

Signature

3 June 2026

Date

Michael Kaltz

Name and title

M. Kaltz

Signature

3/6/26

Date

DAVID PHILLIPS KC

Name and title

[Signature]

Signature

3. vi. 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.

[Redacted signature area]

Name and title
For and on behalf of the Premier League

Signature 

[Redacted date area]

Date

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Name and title
For and on behalf of Aston Villa FC

Signature

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Date