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**SANCTION AGREEMENT**

**between**

**THE PREMIER LEAGUE**

**and**

**MANCHESTER CITY FC (the 'CLUB')**

## Introduction

1. In this Sanction Agreement, the Club admits that it has acted in breach of PL2 Rule 46 and accepts a sanction proposed 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 (a) Premier League 2 Rules ('**PL2 Rules**') and (b) Premier League Rules ('**PL Rules**').

## Applicable Rules

3. The Board has jurisdiction over the Club pursuant to the following provisions:

   a. PL Rule W.6:

   *'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"**)*'; and

   b. PL2 Rule 128:

   '*The provisions of Section W (Disciplinary) of the Premier League Rules shall apply to any Member Club in breach of a League Rule and Forms 18 to 22 inclusive shall apply as appropriately adapted for the purpose*'.

4. The Club is required to comply with PL2 Rule 46:

   *'The Member Club identified as the Home Club for the semi-final and final Matches in the Knock-Out Stage shall play those games at its Stadium. Round of 16 and quarter final Matches in the Knock-Out Stage may be played at the Home Club's Stadium or at an alternative venue notified by the Home Club to the Board pursuant to rule 44'.*

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**Agreed Facts**

5. Contrary to PL2 Rule 46, the Club, as the Home Club, failed to host the semi-final of the PL2 Knock-Out Stage against Manchester United FC ('**MUFC**') on 8 May 2026 (the '**Semi-Final**') at the Etihad Stadium (the '**Etihad**'). Instead, with the agreement of MUFC, the Semi-Final was played at the Joie Stadium.

6. The Club has accepted that it failed to host the Semi-Final at the Etihad in breach of PL2 Rule 46. The Club has provided its explanation and mitigation for the breach, which included the impact of ongoing development works at the Etihad (which were at a critical programme stage and had experienced prior delays) and the suitability of the Joie Stadium as an alternative venue.

**Agreed Sanction**

7. The Board has confirmed to the Club that it is willing to resolve the contemplated disciplinary proceedings against the Club for its breach of PL2 Rule 46 on the terms set out in paragraphs 8 and 9 below ('**Terms**'). The Club has accepted the Terms.

*Terms*

8. In respect of the Club's breach of PL2 Rule 46, the Club:

    a. accepts a fine in the sum of £20,000; and

    b. agrees to forego its right to home advantage in the PL2 competition when the opportunity next arises in respect of either the semi-final or final of the Knock-Out Stage of the competition.

*Next steps*

9. Payment of the fine set out in paragraph 8 above will be made to the Premier League within 14 days of the execution of this Sanction Agreement.

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**RATIFICATION**

As members of the Disciplinary Panel appointed pursuant to Rule W.17 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:

Grace Cheng

**Name and title** **Signature**

19 October 2026

**Date**

His Honour Phillip Sycamore CBE

**Name and title** **Signature**

19 October 2026

**Date**

Mr Kwadjo Adjepong OBE (Chair)

**Name and title** **Signature**

19 October 2026

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

[redacted]

**Date**

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**Name and title** **Signature** [redacted]
**For and on behalf of Manchester City FC**

[redacted]

**Date**