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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 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 10 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 sanctions for breaches (9) and (10) are the subject of this Sanction Agreement:

No.	Fixture	Type of delay	Length of delay	Sanction
		Season 2025/26		
1.	**Manchester City FC** v Manchester United FC, 14 September 2025	Delay to re-start	Two minutes and 37 seconds	£5,000
2.	Arsenal FC v **Manchester City FC**, 21 September 2025	Delay to re-start	Two minutes and seven seconds	£15,000
3.	**Manchester City FC** v Burnley FC, 27 September 2025	Delay to kick-off	One minute and 18 seconds	£20,000
4.	Brentford FC v **Manchester City FC**, 7 October 2025	Delay to re-start	One minute and 21 seconds	£40,000
5.	Aston Villa FC v **Manchester City FC**, 26 October 2025	Delay to re-start	One minute and 33 seconds	£60,000
6.	**Manchester City FC** v AFC Bournemouth, 1 November 2025	Delay to re-start	One minute and 25 seconds	£80,000
7.	**Manchester City FC** v Sunderland AFC, 6 December 2025	Delay to re-start	One minute and 16 seconds	£90,000
8.	**Manchester City FC** v Wolverhampton Wanderers FC, 24 January 2026	Delay to re-start	One minute and 23 seconds	£100,000
9.	**Manchester City FC** v Fulham FC, 11 February 2026	Delay to re-start	One minute and nine seconds	See paragraph 8 below
10.	**Manchester City FC** v Crystal Palace FC, 13 May 2026	Delay to re-start	One minute and 13 seconds	See paragraph 9 below

6. The Club has accepted each of the above breaches and confirmed that it will continue to take steps to seek to improve 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 breaches (9) and (10) above on the terms set out in paragraphs 8 to 9 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 £120,000. This includes (a) a fine in the sum of £100,000 for a delay (to the kick-off and/or re-start after the half-time interval) between one minute and one minute and 30 seconds and (b) an increase of £20,000 to reflect the aggravating nature of the Club's repeat offending.

9. In respect of breach (10), the sanction will be a fine in the sum of £140,000. This includes (a) a fine in the sum of £100,000 for a delay (to the kick-off and/or re-start after the half-time interval) between one minute and one minute and 30 seconds and (b) an increase of £40,000 to reflect the aggravating nature of the Club's repeat offending.

Next steps

10. Payment of the sums set out in paragraphs 8 and 9 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:

Ms Sioban Healy KC
Arbitrator

Name and title **Signature**

20th July 2026

Date

Michael Kaltz

Name and title **Signature**

20/7/26

Date

HH Alan Greenwood

Name and title **Signature**

20 July 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.

[redacted]

For and on behalf of the Premier League

[redacted]

Date

[redacted]

Name and title **Signature**

For and on behalf of Manchester City FC

[redacted]

Date