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MISTAKEN IDENTITY (CAUTIONABLE OR SENDING-OFF OFFENCES)

18 Where a Player has been cautioned or sent off in a Match but claims they have been the victim of mistaken identity, that Player or their Club may make a claim of mistaken identity in relation to that cautionable or sending-off offence in accordance with the procedure set out at paragraphs 19 to 20 below.

Making a Claim of Mistaken Identity

19 To make a claim of mistaken identity, the Players concerned and their Club must submit to the Affiliated Association:

- 19.1 written particulars upon which the claim is founded (which must include identifying specifically the name of the Player responsible for the relevant offence);
- 19.2 any evidence in support of the claim; and
- 19.3 the relevant fee as set out in paragraph 36.

20 The relevant timings for a Player or their Club to make a claim of mistaken identity are as follows:

	TIMINGS	GENERAL GUIDE*
Claim / Evidence	5pm on the third Business Day following the incident	Wednesday
Disciplinary Commission	To be determined prior to the suspension being served.	Friday

* based on a Match taking place on Saturday or Sunday

Disciplinary Commission Procedure

- 21 If the Affiliated Association is satisfied that the claim of mistaken identity warrants further investigation, a Disciplinary Commission shall be convened and will meet before any automatic suspension is due to take effect.
- 22 The Disciplinary Commission shall determine the matter on video and/or written evidence only, and parties shall not be present or represented in person. For the avoidance of doubt, none of the Match Officials nor the Club or Player are entitled to be present or represented in person at the Disciplinary Commission established for such purpose.
- 23 If the appointed Disciplinary Commission is satisfied that the claim of mistaken identity has been proven, the record of the offence will be transferred to the appropriate offender, who will be subject to any applicable disciplinary consequences in accordance with this Section Three.