Schedule 4: Letter – Breach Offer

**NETBALL INTEGRITY POLICY FRAMEWORK, COMPLAINTS & DISPUTES POLICY
BREACH OFFER**

**[ITEMS IN YELLOW REQUIRE INPUT FROM THE COMPLAINTS MANAGER OR BE DELETED IF NOT REQUIRED]**

[insert name]

[address line 1]

[address line 2] **By email:** [insert email address]

**Referral**

1. [NA/The Netball Organisation/The Affiliate (SELECT ONE OF)] has received information (**Alleged Breach**) under its Netball Integrity Policy Framework, Conduct & Disciplinary Policy (**Policy**) alleging that you have breached a Netball Integrity Policy, as outlined below. A copy of the Policy is available at [insert link].
2. The Complaints Manager under the Policyhas referred the Alleged Breach about you for resolution under the Breach Offer Process.

**Allegations**

1. The Alleged Breach was lodged by [insert name] and received by the [NA/the Netball Organisation/the Affiliate (SELECT ONE OF)] on [insert date]. OR (DELETE ONE OF) [NA/The Netball Organisation/The Affiliate (SELECT ONE OF)] was made aware of the Alleged Breach on [insert date].
2. It is alleged in the Alleged Breach that you:
	1. **[insert alleged conduct]**; and
	2. **[++++++]**.
3. As a result of the above allegations, it is alleged that you have consequently breached the following Netball Integrity Policy:
	1. **[insert specific sections of eligible policies allegedly breached]**; and
	2. **[++++++]**.

**Sanction**

1. If a breach of the type outlined in the Alleged Breach was fully proven, [NA/the Netball Organisation/the Affiliate (SELECT ONE OF)] would ordinarily impose the following sanction:
	1. **[insert applicable sanction]**; and
	2. **[++++++]**.
2. In accordance with the Policy, to resolve the Alleged Breach using the Breach Offer Process, if you accept the alleged breach occurred without a hearing, [NA/the Netball Organisation/the Affiliate (SELECT ONE OF)] will offer you a sanction as follows:
	1. **[insert applicable sanction]**; and
	2. **[++++++]**.

**Decision**

1. You are entitled to decide either to accept your alleged breach occurred, and the proposed sanction that will be imposed by [NA/the Netball Organisation/the Affiliate (SELECT ONE OF)] set out at paragraph 7, or alternatively dispute the alleged breach and/or proposed sanction.
2. If you dispute the alleged breach and/or proposed sanction, the Alleged Breach will be referred to a Hearing Tribunal for determination under the Policy.

**Notification**

1. Please advise [NA/the Netball Organisation/the Affiliate (SELECT ONE OF)] Complaints Manager of your decision to either accept the alleged breach and proposed sanction or dispute the breach and/or sanction and proceed to a Hearing Tribunal, by signing and returning the below 'Acknowledgement' to the Complaints Manager at [insert contact address].
2. You must advise the Complaints Manager of your decision within 7 days of the date of this letter, failing which you will be deemed to have accepted the breach occurred and the proposed sanction will automatically commence.
3. Unless you dispute the alleged breach and/or proposed sanction, the proposed sanction will commence on the earlier of the date you notify the Complaints Manager of your acceptance, or the end of the date 14 days from the date of this letter.
4. If you have any questions in relation to this Breach Offer, the Complaints Manager can be contacted by telephone on **[++++++]** or by email at **[++++++]**.

Yours faithfully

[insert signatory]
Decision Maker
[NA/Netball Organisation/Affiliate (SELECT ONE OF)]

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I,………………………………………………………………………………………..………………, confirm to [NA/the Netball Organisation/the Affiliate (SELECT ONE OF)], that in response to this Breach Offer, I (tick one):

 Accept my breach of the Netball Integrity Policy occurred and the proposed sanction offered.

OR

Dispute my breach of the Netball Integrity Policy occurred and/or the proposed sanction offered and wish the matter to be heard by a Hearing Tribunal.

Signed: …………………………………………………………………………………………..

Dated: …………………………...

Annexure A: Record of Alleged Breach

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| Name of Complaints Manager |  | 🞎 Complaint Form attached  |
| Process chosen to resolve Alleged Breach (if any) |  |
| Was Provisional Action taken?If so, what? | 🞎 Yes 🞎 No |
| Was Alleged Breach referred to external agency? | 🞎 Yes 🞎 NoPlease detail: |
| Date Complaint Form receivedDate Process undertaken |  |
| Was Alleged Breach valid?If not, why? | 🞎 Yes 🞎 NoPlease detail |
| **If Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)** | Date of referral to ADR:Type of ADR:Date of ADR:Alleged Breach resolved at ADR: 🞎 Yes 🞎 No If no, alternative Process chosen:If Yes, please detail: |
| **If Warning Procedure** | Date letter sent to Respondent:Any further comments: |
| **If Breach Offer** | Sanction offered to Respondent:Date letter sent to Respondent:Date Respondent provided response:Did Respondent accept breach and reduced sanction? 🞎 Yes 🞎 NoIf No, date Alleged Breach referred to Hearing Tribunal:If No, also complete 'Hearing Tribunal' section |
| **If Hearing Tribunal** | 🞎 ADR Body 🞎 NST 🞎 NA TribunalDate Alleged Breach referred to Tribunal:Date of Tribunal hearing:Decision of Tribunal:Date parties notified:Appealed🞎 ADR Body 🞎 NST 🞎 No appeal right |
| **If Appeals Tribunal** | 🞎 ADR Body 🞎 NST 🞎 NA TribunalDate Alleged Breach referred to Appeals Tribunal:Date of Appeals Tribunal hearing:Decision of Appeals Tribunal:Date parties notified: |
| Date of notification | Date Respondent notified of outcome:Date Complainant notified of outcome: |
| Completed by | Name:Position:Signed:Date: |