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Dear Sir

**The Scottish Professional Football League Limited (the "SPFL")  
Unacceptable Conduct at SPFL Matches where a Match Delegate is present ("Relevant Matches")**

I refer to my letter dated 9 April 2018 which enclosed information on instances of Unacceptable Conduct at Relevant Matches for the period from 14 July 2017 to 3 February 2018 inclusive.

I am now pleased to enclose a report for the full 2017/18 Season, together with details of the traffic light reporting system employed, a summary of the key points and some further information which I hope you will find useful.

It is important to note that the reports only cover matches played under the auspices of the SPFL at which an SPFL Match Delegate was present. Match Delegates are appointed to all Ladbrokes Premiership matches and certain other selected matches of particular interest. The reports clearly highlight that 'significant and material' "Unacceptable Conduct" only occurs at a minority of such matches. In addition, the SPFL does not expect, or have reason to suspect, that "Unacceptable Conduct" regularly occurs at SPFL matches not attended by a Match Delegate -- such matches constituting the majority of professional football matches played in Scotland each week.

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Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Scottish Professional Football League  
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