

Hearts Deducted Two Points in Betfred Cup



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Hearts have been notified of the sanction taken by the SPFL following the fielding of an ineligible player during last week's Betfred Cup victory against Cove Rangers. At a disciplinary hearing on Monday afternoon, a sub-committee of the SPFL board decided that Hearts should be deducted two points and fined £10,000 – £8,000 of which has been suspended until the end of season 2019-20.

Hearts, who admitted breaching SPFL rules when they brought on Andrew Irving as a substitute – a player whose registration had not been uploaded to the SFA registration system – will not appeal the decision.

The decision means Craig Levein's side now have three points in Section C of the Betfred Cup. They finish this round of the competition with two home games, against Cowdenbeath on Tuesday evening and Inverness Caledonian Thistle next Sunday. There is still a chance they can top the group but will need to win both games and score a few goals to do so.