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Decision of South African Football Association's Arbitration Tribunal: whether administrative action

Ndoro v South African Football Association concerns a direction of the National Soccer League (NSL) to the football club Ajax Cape Town, that one of its players, Mr Tendai Ndoro, not be fielded.

Ajax and Ndoro take the matter to the Dispute Resolution Chamber of the NSL and it finds Ndoro eligible to play. However, the NSL appeals to the Arbitration Tribunal of the South African Football Association, and it finds the Chamber has no jurisdiction in the matter.

Ajax and Ndoro then apply to the High Court to review the Tribunal's award; and it considers the question whether the Tribunal's decision is administrative action.

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Is a 'Club fee' a cost of credit?

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Is the Club membership fee a cost of credit in s 101 of the National Credit Act 34 of 2005? Edcon Holdings Ltd v National Consumer Tribunal and Another 2018 (5) SA 609 (GP)

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Charge of contravening statute; defence of customary law right to perform act

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