



## BRITISH BASEBALL FEDERATION

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### NOTICE OF PENALTY

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British Baseball Federation (BBF) reference: Incident Sunday 12 September 2021 – Essex Arrows (AAA) vs Vetra

Date: 20/11/2021

Jesus Apostal  
Essex Arrows Baseball Club

#### 1. INCIDENT

1.1. Ejection from the AAA Final on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

#### SUMMARY OF INCIDENT

2.1. You were playing for Essex Arrows on the day when the 1<sup>st</sup> Base Umpire, John Baxendale, called an Essex Arrows batter-runner 'Out' at first-base on a routine groundout, due to the fact that the batter-runner missed the base on a close play. Following this call, you, Jesus Apostal, approached the first-base coaches' box to take up position there as base coach, when you questioned the umpire on the outcome of the call, but you did so in an aggressive manner. The umpire confirmed with you that he had called the player 'out', at which point you directed foul and abusive language at the umpire, who immediately ejected you from the game.

2.2. Following your ejection, you did not leave the field immediately, and instead you continued to direct abuse towards the umpire, grabbed your crotch area and made an offensive gesture to the umpire. After this behavior, which was witnessed by many children who were part of the spectators amongst the first-base fencing, you then left the field, continuing to use aggressive language in the direction of the umpire.

#### 3. ENFORCEMENT PROCESS

3.1. [The Enforcement section on the BBF website](#) has been followed.

3.2. Appendix 1 to this Notice is the umpire's report for your reference.

3.3. The player in question, nor the club of the player, has replied to the Notice of Incident previously sent on 3.11.2021.

#### 4. DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCE

4.1. The consequence considered after reviewing the umpire's report and as it is your first offence, is a £30 fine and a 2 game suspension. This is detailed in Type of Offence no 26 and 39 in the Seniors' Handbook. As this ejection occurred in the final game of the 2021 season, your suspension will begin from the beginning of the 2022 season.

4.2 **There is a shortage of umpires in British Baseball. This type of abuse towards officials is completely unacceptable. Players, coaches, and team managers should always treat umpires with respect, regardless of their opinion on the umpire's performance in the game. Please see the 'NO EXCUSE TO ABUSE' section on our website here:**

[http://britishbaseballfederation.leaguerepublic.com/l/page/how\\_to\\_treat\\_an\\_official.html](http://britishbaseballfederation.leaguerepublic.com/l/page/how_to_treat_an_official.html)

#### 5. APPEAL

5.1. You have the right to appeal this decision before the date of your next scheduled game.

5.2. Any appeal must be made in writing by sending your email to [christian.carter@britishbaseball.org](mailto:christian.carter@britishbaseball.org) and be based on one or more of the following grounds:

- based on incorrect factual findings
- wrongly identified infringements



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- the penalty is excessive
- there has been a serious failure to follow the enforcement process and it is unfair or unjust to allow this notice to stand.

5.3 Under the appeal process, different factual findings may be discovered and as a result the penalty determined may change. Any finding showing an appeal was brought without any prospect of success may be taken into account in determining any change to the penalty.

## 6. SUMMARY

6.1. If you accept the penalty, please confirm this by replying to the email to which this Notice was attached, and you will be provided with bank details to pay the fine.

6.2. If you wish to appeal, please do so before the date of your next scheduled game as explained in 5. above.

6.3. If you do not reply before the date of your next scheduled game, either in accordance with 6.1 or 6.2 above, it will be deemed you have accepted the penalty and your suspension will commence.

Regards,

Christian Carter  
BBF Seniors Leagues Commissioner

### Appendix One – Umpire’s Ejection Report

Date of incident	Time of incident	Game details (please specify league, home and away teams, game 1/2 of doubleheader, field etc)	Who was ejected and from which team? (name, position, jersey number)	What was the reason for ejection?	Did the person immediately leave the field? (please describe any post-ejection conduct that you feel the Technical Committee should be aware of)	On a scale of 1-5, how would you rate the incident?	Is there anything else you think the Technical Committee should be aware of regarding the incident?
9/12/2021	4:00:00 PM	BC Vetra vs Essex Arrows - AAA Final - Williams Field, Hadlow	Jesus Apostol #14 - Essex Arrows	Following a close play at 1st base where I called the BR out as he had failed to touch the base, the player was approaching the 1st base coaches box to take up position there, and asked in an aggressive manner if I had called the player out. When I	On ejection the player did not immediately leave the field, he continued to direct abuse at me, including grabbing his crotch area and making an offensive gesture. This was witnessed by several of the spectators, including young children, who were stood	5	The player in question had been warned about his conduct earlier in the game by myself & HP umpire Mike Sheppard, and displayed an attitude of dissent throughout the game, echoed by several members of his team. A number of the



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				confirmed I had, he directed foul and abusive language towards me and was immediately ejected.	along the 1st base line fencing. The player then began to leave the field, continuing to use aggressive language towards my direction.	spectators approached me after the game to express how shocked they were at the players behaviour. The player appeared to show no remorse or offer any kind of apology after the game.
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