



## BRITISH BASEBALL FEDERATION

The National Governing Body of Baseball

### FINAL ENFORCEMENT NOTICE:

To: Keanu Stoltz, Milton Keynes Baseball Club

British Baseball Federation (BBF) reference: Incident Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – AAA Game 2- Cambridge Monarchs vs Milton Keynes Bucks

Date: 22/07/2022

#### 1. INCIDENT

1.1. Ejection/Incident during a Triple A Regular Season game on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

#### SUMMARY OF INCIDENT

2.1. You were representing Milton Keynes during the game.

2.2. You were ejected from the game for arguing balls and strikes, and for suggesting that the umpire was biased towards Cambridge.

2.3. Later in the game, Milton Keynes' bench cleared onto the field towards Cambridge dugout following a comment made by the Cambridge Catcher towards a Milton Keynes player which prompted verbal exchange between players of both teams.

2.4. Despite already being ejected from the game, you joined the bench clearance and held a baseball bat in your hand as you made your way towards the Cambridge dugout.

2.5. Numerous people around you were concerned about you holding the bat and even said "take the bat out of his hand".

#### 3. ENFORCEMENT PROCESS

3.1. The [BBF Enforcement Process](#) has been followed.

3.2. You have been provided with a link to video evidence of the incident.

3.3. You replied to the Notice of Incident with your report on the incident, claiming inaccuracies in our initial findings.

3.4. You claimed that the accusation against yourself is totally misinterpreted and incorrect, and explained that you were sat down in your dugout and using the bat to hit balls around and tap balls on the side line, in an effort to justify the bat being in your hand and therefore the reason why it was in your hand when bench clearing.

#### 4. DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCE

4.1. Your report has been considered and the verdict reached is that running towards the opposition dugout with a bat in your hand implies that you were intending to use the bat, which is categorized as an offensive weapon. It is our view that, had you not intended to use the bat (or be ready to use the bat), you would have dropped the bat and followed your team, instead of taking the bat (weapon) with you to a scene of bench clearing.

4.2. As you have admitted to being in your team's dugout after being ejected from the game, we have increased the suspension.

4.2. As it is your **second offence** this season, the consequence determined is a **£70 fine and an eleven (11) game suspension**. This is detailed in the Seniors' Handbook as the mandatory fine for a second offence and the suspension is for actions detailed in ID 7 and ID 22 of the disciplinary matrix (intent to injure and not leaving dugout after ejection).

#### 5. APPEAL

5.1. You have the right to appeal this decision (£50 fee) before the date of your next scheduled game.

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

- based on incorrect factual findings
- wrongly identified infringements
- the penalty is excessive



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- 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 considered 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.

Kind regards,  
British Baseball Federation