



BRITISH BASEBALL FEDERATION

The National Governing Body of Baseball

FINAL ENFORCEMENT NOTICE: To: Eduardo Rodrigues, Essex Arrows Baseball Club

British Baseball Federation (BBF) reference: Incident Sunday 24 April 2022 – Essex Arrows vs Sheffield Bruins

Date: 13/06/2022

1. INCIDENT

1.1. Reported incident of unsportsmanlike conduct from an NBL Regular Season game on 24th April 2022.

2. SUMMARY OF INCIDENT

2.1. You were managing Essex Arrows on the day.

2.2. Your team constantly used a klaxon horn and cow-bell to create noise throughout the game despite multiple requests by the two umpires to stop using them so often, including when the pitcher was in contact with the pitching rubber.

2.3. Despite these multiple requests by the umpires, your team and yourself argued to the umpire that you have the right to use the klaxon horn and cow-bell when the pitcher is not in contact with the rubber.

2.4. On the third and final time of being told by the umpires to stop using the items, you instructed your team in Spanish to 'make a lot of noise with words', which resulted in continuous shouting right up to the time of each pitch.

2.5. Your team were warned by the field umpire after a player threw a water bottle on the dugout floor and shouted in Spanish in reaction to one of the Home Plate umpire's calls.

2.6. Your team shouted and swore in Spanish in reaction to calls made by the Home Plate umpire on at least two pitches.

2.7. There was no ejection despite the fact that numerous instances could've, and perhaps should've resulted in an ejection.

3. ENFORCEMENT PROCESS

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

3.2. You have been provided with the umpire's report of the incident.

3.3. You replied to the Notice of Incident with your report on the incident, claiming inaccuracies in the umpire's report.

3.4. As the umpire was a neutral umpire, the report was verified by the base umpire, and we have no other neutral source of information, and with verification by the umpire on his ability to understand the instruction made by Eduardo Rodrigues to his team in Spanish, backed up by the actions that followed the instruction, we uphold our findings of the investigation based on the umpire's report.

4. DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCE

4.1. As you instructed your team to behave in the manner they did (performing unsportsmanlike conduct), the consequence considered after reviewing the umpire's report and your report, and as it is your **second offence** this season, is a £70 fine and a five game suspension. This is detailed under the type of offence number 35 in the Seniors' Handbook disciplinary table.

5. APPEAL

5.1. You appealed the original outcome of the investigation, which was undertaken by Chris Carter (BBF Seniors Commissioner).

5.2. Joseph O'Connell and Rhodri Theaker (BBF Assistant Seniors Commissioners) reviewed the appeal.

5.3. Interviews were conducted by Joseph and Rhodri with yourself and have reached out to the umpire who made the original report to the BBF.

5.4. The appeal process reached a decision that the original Final Enforcement Notice will stand (5 game suspension and a £70 fine).



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6. SUMMARY

6.1. As an appeal has already been made on this investigation, the outcome determined in this Notice is final and no further appeals are permitted.

6.2. Your 5 game suspension begins with immediate effect and the £70 fine is due within two weeks from the date of this Notice (by 27th June 2022).

Kind regards,
British Baseball Federation