



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 London Mets

Date: 03/05/2022

The following individual has been assigned to investigate this incident:

Chris Carter

1. INCIDENT

1.1. Ejection from an NBL Regular Season game on 24th April 2022.

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT

2.1. You were managing Essex Arrows when Juan Diaz struck out to end the 6th inning, after he stepped out of the batters box.

2.2. The player requested time from the Home Plate Umpire, Petter Nordwall, and time was not granted because the pitcher was already in set position and the Umpire did not feel that the pitcher took a long time to pitch.

2.3. You told the Home Plate Umpire that he should've given time to the batter, and said that the pitcher had taken more than 10 seconds to pitch once on the rubber, and suggested to the Umpire that he checks the video afterwards.

2.4. The Home Plate Umpire ejected you from the game for your suggestion to check the video.

3. ENFORCEMENT PROCESS

3.1. The BBF Enforcement Process has been followed.

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

3.3. You replied to the Notice of Incident explaining that your report was correct and that you were not shouting and swearing at the umpire. I have conversed with the umpire regarding the shouting and swearing and he confirmed that it was Juan Diaz that was shouting and swearing.

4. DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCE

4.1. The consequence considered after reviewing both the umpire's report and your report, and as it is your first offence, is a £30 fine. This is detailed in the Seniors' Handbook and is the mandatory fine for a first-time ejection.

4.2. There is no suspension for this incident.

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 and be based on one or more of the following grounds:

- based on incorrect factual findings
- wrongly identified infringements
- 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 considered in determining any change to the penalty.



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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,
BBF Senior Leagues Team

Appendix One – Umpire’s Ejection Report (Peter Nordwall)

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?
4/24/2022	2:50:00 PM	NBL, Essex Arrows v London Mets at Farnham Park (Mets home team).	Eduardo Rodrigues , manager, #38	Essex had positioned a video camera on the back stop for the game. Top of the 6th, an Essex player strikes out looking to end the inning after stepping out of the batters box. The player requested time which was NOT granted as the pitcher was in set position. Swearing and shouting ensued and #38 told me that I "have to give the player time" and I should "check the video". I immediately ejected #38.	Yes	1

Appendix Two – Manager’s Incident Report (Eduardo Rodrigues)

“Just to explain a bit more of what happened there, we had runner on second base, Juan Diaz was batting, the mets Pitcher took more than 10 seconds on the rubber to pitch, juan diaz was requesting timeout multiple times and the umpire didn’t give him the timeout, the pitcher after more than 10 seconds proceeded to pitch and strike him out, till then not a problem just the batter frustrating with situation walking towards the dugout, I went to the umpire to explain and complain about that call, he proceed to tell me that he doesn’t have to grant him a timeout unless the pitcher took long time to pitch and I replied the pitcher took way more than 10 seconds you can check on the video afterwards, the he proceeded to send me out of the game because I can’t tell him to check any video afterwards, I was not even raising my voice to him or being disrespectful at any point.”