

BRITISH BASEBALL FEDERATION

The National Governing Body of Baseball

With Women's Baseball UK, the women's baseball representative for the British Baseball Federation



NOTICE OF PENALTY

BBF/WB-UK reference: Incident Saturday 26 June 2021 – Telford 26ers vs Belles Baseball

Date: 2 July 2021

Jessica Vernon
Belles Baseball

1. INCIDENT

- 1.1. Ejection from the game in Sheffield in which your team, Belles Baseball, were playing against Telford 26ers.

2. SUMMARY OF INCIDENT

- 2.1. You were participating in this game and after rounding first base following a hit, you thought you had been obstructed and proceeded towards second base believing you were not at liability to be put out. A member of the defensive team applied a tag and the base umpire called you 'out'.
- 2.2. As a result of the call, you argued with the base umpire, and then argued with the home plate umpire after he supported the base umpire's decision.
- 2.3. After arguing with both umpires, you made your way to your team's dugout area, where you turned around and made the following comment "You are fucking shit". The home plate umpire ejected you after this comment. You left the field immediately.

3. ENFORCEMENT PROCESS

- 3.1. After receiving your response today to the Notice of Incident dated 30 June 2021, where you stated that those were not the words you said and in any event were not directed at the umpire, the initial report was reviewed, and its content clarified with the umpire. The umpire reaffirmed that he heard the words as stated in 2.3 above and you looked at him as you said it.
- 3.2. In addition, as mentioned in the phone conversation today, the BBF received two communications each reporting the incident confirming they heard the same words.

4. DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCE

- 4.1. The consequence determined as it is your first offence, is a £30 fine and two game suspension. Arguing of the call before being ejected and the subsequent manner in the way you verbally abused the umpire in a deliberate manner having returned to the dugout has led to this determination as explained in the Notice of Incident.
- 4.2. The suspension is effective immediately and applies to the next two games played by either Belles Baseball or by any team you play for at Herts Baseball Club.
- 4.3. The [Enforcement section of the BBF website](#) lists the activities you are not permitted to undertake during the suspension

5. APPEAL

- 5.1. You have the right to appeal this decision before your next scheduled game, which for the avoidance of doubt includes any pre- game routine.

Home Plate Clubhouse, Farnham Park National Baseball and Softball Complex, Farnham Park Playing Fields,
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- 5.2. Any appeal must be made in writing sending your email to info@britishbaseball.org and be based on one or more of the following grounds:
- based on incorrect factual findings
 - wrongly identifies 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. In particular, 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 your next scheduled game as described in 5. above.
- 6.3. If you do not reply before 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.