



FINAL ENFORCEMENT NOTICE:

To: Dale Hardwick, Herts Baseball Club

British Baseball Federation (BBF) reference: Incident 11/06/2023 – AA Regular Season Game – Herts Hawks & Milton Keynes Bucks AA

Date: 26/06/2023

1. INCIDENT

You were ejected for throwing equipment

2. SUMMARY OF INCIDENT

- 2.1. You were representing Herts Hawks in the game as a player.
- 2.2. You struck out on three pitches and after complaining about the calls and being told “enough” by the umpire, you threw your bat from the field into the dugout hitting the rear dugout fence.
- 2.3. You were ejected from the game at this point
- 2.4. Notes for consideration:
 - 2.4.a. This is your first ejection/disciplinary action
 - 2.4.b The umpire noted in his report that your conduct throughout the rest of the day was good and sent a follow up email commenting on this
 - 2.4.c. You contacted the umpire directly after the day to apologise for your conduct.

3. ENFORCEMENT PROCESS

- 3.1. The [BBF Enforcement Process](#) has been followed.
- 3.2. You have the right to respond to my initial findings within seven days of the date of this notice. If you need extra time, you can apply for this by email to senior.leagues@britishbaseball.org.uk
- 3.3. Appendix 1 is the incident report made by the Umpire.

4. DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCE

4.1. As this scenario contains a Category Two incident in a Double A game, the consequence determined is a **£150 fine and a four (4) game suspension**. This is detailed in the Seniors’ Handbook as the mandatory fine for a Category Two incident in the Double A League and the suspension is for actions detailed in ID 11 of the disciplinary matrix.

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,
British Baseball Federation