



## BRITISH BASEBALL FEDERATION

The National Governing Body of Baseball

### FINAL ENFORCEMENT NOTICE:

To: Cameron Doncaster, Cambridge Baseball Club

British Baseball Federation (BBF) reference: Incident 23/04/2023 –AA REGULAR SEASON – Cambridge Lancers & Milton Keynes Bucks (AA) COMPETING IN GAME

Date: 16/06/2023

#### 1. INCIDENT

The umpires report (David Adams) received on 25/05/2023, as well as match reports from Milton Keynes Bucks & Cambridge Lancers managers.

You were overheard by the umpire telling your team's pitcher to hit the batter (Ernie Ayala Jr.)

#### 2. SUMMARY OF INCIDENT

2.1. You were representing Cambridge Lancers in the game as a player.

2.2. During a heated double header, at the top of the third you were overheard by the umpire saying "when he bats next nail him" referring to the player (Ernie Ayala Jr.) who had been chirping your bench after the third out of the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning.

2.3 Your pitcher immediately responded saying "I can get him out so why give them a runner?"

2.4 In the top of the third Ayala Jr. came up to bat, after calling time and being given time, he was hit by the next pitch

2.5 This HBP and following arguments resulted in the game being called

#### 3. ENFORCEMENT PROCESS

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

3.2. You have been provided with the umpire report from the day

3.3. You replied by email "I remember the comment said and under no circumstances was it meant for the pitcher to hit the batter. My context of the saying is simply strike him out. With the constant disrespectful comments made by the opposition that day I would never like to see someone intentionally injured or suggest for someone to purposely injure anyone"

3.4 In a second email you stated "Following on my response yesterday which I accept responsibility for my comment."

#### 4. DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCE

The actions described above are covered by offence 35 "Displaying bad sportsmanship". As this scenario is at the discretion of the examiner, I have taken into account the fact that this may have been intended as a throw away comment, you yourself did not throw the pitch and the general frustrations of the day. However, your language could have escalated the already deteriorating situation had it been overheard by MK (it is unclear whether it was). I have decided to grade this a Category One incident in a Double A game, the consequence determined is a £40 fine and a two (2) 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 35 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](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
- there has been a serious failure to follow the enforcement process and it is unfair or unjust to allow this



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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