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#### **BRITISH BASEBALL FEDERATION**

The National Governing Body of Baseball

## **FINAL ENFORCEMENT NOTICE:**

To: Ernie Ayala, Milton Keynes Baseball Club

British Baseball Federation (BBF) reference: Incident Sunday 11 June 2023 – AA Regular Season – Milton Keynes Bucks @ Herts Hawks

Date: 30/06/2023

#### 1. INCIDENT

1.1. Ejection during a AA regular season game on 11 June 2023.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF INCIDENT

- 2.1. You were representing Milton Keynes Bucks in the game as a supporter/member of the team in the dugout.
- 2.2. Throughout the game you were vocal towards the umpire alongside chirping at various opportunities.
- 2.3. You received a warning from the Home Plate Umpire and your Team Manager was told to keep you under control.
- 2.4. In the 5th inning, following a hit by pitch call made by the Umpire, you ran through the dugout and entered the field and approached the umpire with the manager.
- 2.5. You were immediately ejected.

#### 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 with your report on the day.

## 4. DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCE

- 4.1. As this scenario only pertains to one infringement of the disciplinary matrix (displaying bad sportsmanship ID 35), there is no set penalty for the actions and the examiner has the authority to decide which penalty is suitable for the actions that took place.
- 4.2. I have determined that the appropriate consequence is **a £40 fine and a two (2) game suspension.** This is detailed in the Seniors' Handbook as the mandatory fine for a Category One incident in the Double A League and the suspension is for actions detailed in ID 35 of the disciplinary matrix, which allows the examiner to decide which category/fine/suspension is appropriate.

# 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 <u>senior.leagues@britishbaseball.org.uk</u> 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.

#### 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.

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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