



## BRITISH BASEBALL FEDERATION

The National Governing Body of Baseball

### FINAL ENFORCEMENT NOTICE (APPEAL REVIEW): To: Ernie Ayala Jr, Milton Keynes Baseball Club

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British Baseball Federation (BBF) reference: Incident Sunday 23 April 2023 – AA Regular Season – Milton Keynes Bucks @ Cambridge Lancers

Date: 13/06/2023

#### 1. INCIDENT

1.1. Ejection during a AA regular season game on 23 April 2023.

#### SUMMARY OF INCIDENT

- 2.1. You were representing Milton Keynes Bucks in the game as a player.
- 2.2. You were batting and had requested a timeout from the umpire but it was not granted. The Cambridge pitcher stepped off the rubber to allow time for you.
- 2.3. On the next pitch, the Cambridge pitcher hit you with the pitch.
- 2.4. The umpire ejected you as a result of you using vulgar language and berating the pitcher and umpire.
- 2.5. Following your ejection, you refused to leave the field.
- 2.6. The game was abandoned by Cambridge as a result of the incident and its aftermath.

#### 3. ENFORCEMENT PROCESS

- 3.1. The [BBF Enforcement Process](#) has been followed.
- 3.2. You have been provided with reports on the incident by the MK Manager and the MK 3B Coach, as well as the Cambridge Manager and Cambridge Chair.
- 3.3. Since the Notice of Incident was sent to you, we requested and received a report from the umpire directly which has been included in this Notice.
- 3.4. You did not reply to the Notice of Incident but Ernie Ayala Sr. did on behalf of you and/or your team.
- 3.5. You officially appealed against the Final Enforcement Notice after your penalty was issued.**

#### 4. DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCE

- 4.1. The original investigation was carried out by Chris Carter and the penalty issued was a £150 fine and a four (4) game suspension for actions detailed in ID 14, 22 of the disciplinary matrix.
- 4.2. The appeal investigation was carried out by Joe O'Connell and Rhodri Theaker who reviewed the process and facts of the incident and made the conclusion to refuse your appeal.
- 4.3. The appeal investigation uncovered further penalties for your actions within the BBF disciplinary matrix which were not applied to the original investigation and therefore the penalty for your actions has increased to **a £150 fine and a six (6) game suspension** for actions detailed in ID 9, 14, 25, 35 of the disciplinary matrix.

#### 5. APPEAL

- 5.1. You have already submitted an appeal and therefore may not submit another for this investigation.

#### 6. SUMMARY

- 6.1. Your suspension is effective immediately and the fine must be paid within seven days.
- 6.2. If the fine is not paid within seven days, the fine will be passed to your club and no team within your club may participate in BBF competitions until the fine is paid. We reserve the right to assign forfeits to your club if any games do not go ahead as a result of non-payment/late payment.

Kind regards,  
British Baseball Federation