



BRITISH BASEBALL FEDERATION

The National Governing Body of Baseball

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

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. Incident 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 the third base coach.
- 2.2. You were dissatisfied with the standard of umpiring and appealed to the official to call a 'balk' on numerous occasions during the game.
- 2.3. A Milton Keynes batter requested a timeout from the umpire but it was not granted. The Cambridge pitcher stepped off the rubber to allow time for the batter.
- 2.4. On the next pitch, the Cambridge pitcher hit the batter with the pitch.
- 2.5. You claimed to the umpire that the hit by pitch was intentional.
- 2.6. The umpire ejected the Milton Keynes batter as a result of him using vulgar language and berating the pitcher and umpire.
- 2.7. You then left your position to berate the umpire as well as repeatedly swearing at him and questioning his calls and decision making.
- 2.8. You threw your helmet in disgust.
- 2.9. You began the process of leaving the field of play by returning to your dugout area, but then made your way back onto the field of play and surrounded the umpire alongside other Milton Keynes players.
- 2.10. You shouted at, swore at, and called the umpire "f*cking useless".
- 2.11 The game was abandoned by Cambridge as a result of the incident.

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. You have been provided with video evidence of some of your actions from the incident, provided by Cambridge.
- 3.4. Since the Notice of Incident was sent to you, we requested and received a report from the umpire directly which was included in the Final Enforcement Notice sent to you.
- 3.5. You replied to the Notice of Incident and claimed that you were not ejected and provided detailed context relating to the incident.
- 3.6. 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 two (2) game suspension for actions detailed in ID 14 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 ten (10) game suspension** for actions detailed in ID 11, 14, 16, 25 of the disciplinary matrix.



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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