



BRITISH BASEBALL FEDERATION

The National Governing Body of Baseball

FINAL ENFORCEMENT NOTICE:

To: **Giedrus Janulevicius, Vetra Baseball Club**

British Baseball Federation (BBF) reference: Incident Sunday 24th July 2022 – NBL Game 2- Vetra vs London Capitals

Date: 24/08/2022

1. INCIDENT

1.1. Incident during an NBL Regular Season game on 24th July 2022.

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT

2.1. You were playing for Vetra during the game.

2.2. There was a collision at second base between the London Capitals second baseman, and a Vetra runner that was caught stealing.

2.3. The Shortstop confronted the runner as this was the second time the player had slid the same way in the game.

2.4. Yourself and another member of your team ran onto the field from your dugout and made your way directly to the second base area.

2.5. The field umpire motioned to yourself and the other player to stop and turn around, by signaling with wide open arms and shouting 'lets go, lets go'.

2.6. You did not stop and continued to attempt to reach the second base area. You were ejected for this.

2.7. As a result of your actions, further Vetra players began making their way into foul territory and even into the field of play.

2.8. As a result of your ejection, the game was called as a forfeit because your team had no players left to field a team.

2.9. After the game, you sent a message to the umpire that ejected you via Facebook Messenger, commenting on his officiating, telling him what you thought he did wrong.

3. ENFORCEMENT PROCESS

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

3.2. You have been provided with a link to video evidence of the incident, the umpire's report, and a screenshot of the message you sent to the umpire.

3.3. You replied to the Notice of Incident with your report on the incident, commenting on both the umpires' conduct and gave examples such as the umpire pushing your player, you complained about the strikezone of one umpire.

4. DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCE

4.1. We have reviewed your report, the video evidence, and the umpire's report of the incident again and the verdict reached is that your actions were inappropriate and the umpire did not display any poor conduct. The umpire did not push your player aggressively, instead he pushed your player away from the conflict to ensure that the situation did not escalate further. This actually worked, until you took it upon yourself to run onto the field from your dugout towards the area of conflict (not towards your player like you suggested, as he was already walking away from that area).

4.2. As it is your **first offence** this season, the consequence determined is a **£30 fine and a two (2) game suspension**. This is detailed in the Seniors' Handbook as the mandatory fine for a first offence and the suspension is for actions detailed in ID 9, ID 25 and ID 35 of the disciplinary matrix.

5. APPEAL

5.1. You appealed this Enforcement Action which was carried out by the Senior Leagues Commissioner, Chris Carter.

5.2. Assistant League Commissioners Rhodri Theaker and Joseph O'Connell reviewed the investigation following your appeal, took into consideration your report, and determined that **the suspension will decrease from five (5), to two (2) games**.



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6. SUMMARY

6.1 You have already appealed this Enforcement Notice and thus no further appeals are permitted.

6.2. Bank details have been provided to you in the email this Notice was attached to.

Kind regards,

British Baseball Federation