



BRITISH BASEBALL FEDERATION

The National Governing Body of Baseball

FINAL ENFORCEMENT NOTICE:

To: Shannon Hall, Vetra Baseball Club

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

Date: 27/07/2022

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.

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, and the umpire's report.

3.3. You replied to the Notice of Incident with your report on the incident, claiming that once the umpire told you to stop, you didn't progress any further and that zero aggression was displayed from any Vetra player.

4. DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCE

4.1. We have reviewed the video evidence and the umpire's report of the incident again and the verdict reached is that you should not have run onto the field towards the area of conflict anyway, and you did not leave the field until one of the umpires began to escort you away after you continued speaking to players and/or umpires behind the mound following the umpire's instruction with wide open arms. The umpire had the situation under control and you rushing onto the field only made the situation worse. The footage shows that by the time you come running onto the field, the Vetra runner that collided with the Capitals' second baseman was already leaving the field away from the conflict, and you did not run towards him, you ran towards the Capitals players and the two umpires. This implies that you were making your way onto the field to either argue or to be involved with conflict. The umpire was right to eject you for your actions. The only member of the Capitals who is seen making his way onto the field from the dugout is the Manager, Cole Ryan, who goes straight to his injured second baseman. He is not seen engaging in any conflict with Vetra or the umpires, and is caring to his player, as he can be heard asking one of his team members for an ice pack.

4.2. As it is your **first offence** this season, the consequence determined is **a £30 fine and a four (4) 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 and ID 25 of the disciplinary matrix.



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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 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. 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