DECEMBER/JANUARY DISCIPLINARY REPORT

The enhanced disciplinary measures to help combat referee abuse having been approved by the MB came into force on the 1st January 2022 and will run until the end of the season when we will review.

I received an e-mail from Mick Maguire RFU Safeguarding, informing me that the inquiry into the conduct of the Perranporth referee regarding the club’s U.14 game with Penzance & Newlyn has concluded. Quote from the e-mail. *“We have interviewed the referee, who was very reflective of events that day. He is unsure whether he wants to continue with refereeing age grade rugby, but if he does, we have identified a training need with regards to Safeguarding and Refereeing. He would also need to be DBS checked.He has been informed by letter and the Clubs involved have been notified too.”*

Cozy may wish to expand further on the above in her report.

RED CARDS

We held our first Disciplinary Hearing at Truro Golf Club to hear the citing brought by Bideford RFC against a Penryn player in their game of 6th November. The Penryn player was found guilty and given a 6 match ban for punching Reg 9:12.

At the same hearing an Illogan Park player was found guilty of stamping Reg 9:12 from their game against Camborne School of Mines on 13th November. He was banned for 3 weeks.

A player from Newquay Hornets was banned by his club for 8 weeks, this sanction was 2 weeks more than laid down by the RFU for a mid-range offence, following punching Reg 9:12 during their game against North Tawton on 20th November.

A Truro player was red-carded at Bideford during their game on 4th December, given a 4 week ban by the club this was altered to a 4 match ban by the panel, taking into account Christmas/New year break in league matches, effectively a 6 week ban. The player was guilty of kicking Reg 9:12.

The coach of Camborne Girls Under 15’s was given a 2 week ban by Camborne RFC having been found to be abusive to a referee during a game, Reg 9:12

A parent/spectator was abusive to the referee during a youth match between Launceston and St. Ives Under 15 game on 12th December, awaiting a report from Launceston RC. I am chasing Launceston for an update, as requested by CRRS, but understand there are extenuating circumstances surrounding the person involved.

A Truro player, guesting for Camborne RFC, was red-carded for punching, Reg 9:12, during the Rodda’s Cup game between Camborne & Redruth on 27th December. Our second Disciplinary Hearing at Truro GC. The player admitted the offence and was given a 3 week ban after 50% mitigation applied.

I am monitoring the sanctions applied and amending as games have been postponed, currently 2 players have had their suspensions extended, clubs advised.

The first red card for 2022 came through from Newquay Hornets against Veor, a Hornet’s player was red carded for Reg 9:28 A player must not verbally abuse a Match Official. Awaiting the report from Newquay, though it appears he will be the first to have the enhanced 1 week extra sanction imposed on his ban.

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16th January 2022