

Complaints and Disciplinary report April 2011

Since the March GCM there has been one Disciplinary case and one Complaints case:

Reading II v Spencer II. 5th March, 2011

The referee for this match abandoned the game during the second quarter owing to Spencer's ill disciplined behaviour, citing one player of Spencer in particular for making inflammatory remarks at the referee.

A charge of bringing the game into disrepute was made against Spencer Lacrosse Club and Ben Johnson of Spencer L.C.

Spencer admitted that their behaviour as a team and that of Ben Johnson had been bad. Steps had been taken to remedy this, which included Ben Johnson being given a three match ban. The Disciplinary Committee decide that Spencer's behaviour, although undesirable, did not fall into the category of bringing the game into disrepute and consequently found them not guilty. The committee also decided to take no further action against Ben Johnson.

The match was declared void with the recommendation that, it be re-played.

Hitchin A v East Grinstead A 5th March 2011

The complaint was that an East Grinstead player, playing in this match, had played for their first team the week before.

East Grinstead explained that the player in question was a regular member of their A team, but had been selected to play for their first team on the 26th February, owing to the non-availability of a regular first team player. The first team player was available to play on the 5th March, consequently the A team player was back in the A team that day.

The complaint was not upheld. The committee felt that a lot of time and work could have been avoided if both teams had communicated with each other before the game started on the 5th March.

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