

To: Mick Chennell – Hon Secretary, Croydon Lacrosse Club – via Email

9 November 2015

Dear Mick

Complaint:- Chichester University v Croydon A – 10th October 2015

The complaint was that you fielded players who were not registered to play for Croydon, and fielded one player, aged fifteen years, who had not received dispensation to play senior lacrosse. In your letter of the 28th October, you admit to the offences and, in mitigation, claim administrative errors and ignorance of the SEMLA bye laws by those officers of the club involved. The Complaints Committee accepts this.

Regarding the matter of players not being registered to Croydon, the penalty for this would be to award the match to the opposition. Since you lost the match, the deducting of league points would be given. It is noted, however, that you played this away fixture with only eight players, six of whom were juveniles. Clearly your intention was to honour the fixture and give everybody a game. Consequently, the committee decided to take no further action on this matter.

The playing of a junior in senior lacrosse, without dispensation, is a very serious offence. Lack of familiarity of the procedure is not an excuse.

As Maidstone Lacrosse Club had not sent you the dispensation form for J. Low, you could not be certain it existed, especially as the SEMLA secretary could not confirm its existence. Presumably, that is why you made your own application on the 30th September. Despite the fact that you had not received authorisation by the 10th October from, as you erroneously thought, SEMLA, you still went ahead and played J.Low. For this offence it has been decided to deduct two league points.

You have accepted the fast track procedure, which has been offered to you. This means an automatic deduction of two league points.

This committee understands your intention to familiarise your club officers with the SEMLA bye-laws and procedures.

Regards

John Maynard
Chairman
Complaints & Disciplinary Committee

Cc: Rob Locke, Chairman, Croydon Lacrosse Club