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Dear John,

Thank you for your letter dated 22nd October.

Firstly, on behalf of the Cheltenham Cougar's Lacrosse club, we accept unequivocally and without challenge the findings and decision of the SEMLA Disciplinary Committee.

In relation to my club's response to the committee's decision can I please clarify our intend actions;

We believe two of the three players discussed by the disciplinary committee and the respective club representatives, behaved in an unacceptable and inappropriate manner towards the referee and his management of the game.

We have identified these two players as; Stuart and Alex Smith (16 and 18). Both Alex and Stuart received personal penalties during the game as a consequence of their actions and behaviours.

A third player, John Murdoch, number 20 also challenged one of the decisions of the referee, Simon Peach. Notwithstanding this, John Murdoch did not receive any penalties during the game for his verbal challenge to a decision by Simon Peach or his behaviours towards the Warwick players.

The coach, Andrew Dillon, was also identified in the statement from Simon Peach, as acting in an inappropriate way towards Simon Peach, and therefore is to be included in our clubs actions.

We believe that any player/member whose behaviour is outside our agreed and published code of conduct should receive a penalty that is proportionate to the level and type of offence committed by that said player.

Therefore in accordance with our club's policy the Cheltenham Cougar's lacrosse committee intend to implement the following actions against those players identified during the SEMLA disciplinary hearing.

1. Alex Smith; immediate 1 match club suspension, club fine and official club warning (to take affect from the next game after the hearing – Saturday 1st November 2008 against Southampton Uni)

2. Stuart Smith; immediate 1 match club suspension, club fine and official club warning (to take affect from the next game after the hearing – Saturday 1st November 2008 against Southampton Uni) November 2008 against Southampton Uni)
3. John Murdoch; immediate club fine and official club warning.
4. Andrew Dillon; immediate club fine and official club warning.

We believe that our responses should be in keeping with, the level and type of offence, committed by the respective players. The committee feel strongly that in setting a standard for players conduct any sanctions given to players should be graduated and reflect the level to their offenses. We hope you and SEMLA will agree and support our actions.

Yours sincerely

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