



Warwickshire Rugby Football Union



DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE Season 2015 - 2016

ZERO TOLERANCE ON ABUSE OF MATCH OFFICIALS

Warwickshire RFU Discipline Committee will continue to follow this protocol in relation to Abuse of Match Officials from Players, Coaches and Spectators. Law 10.4 (s) states, "All players must respect the authority of the referee. They must not dispute the referee's decisions. They must stop playing at once when the referee blows the whistle except at a kick-off or at a penalty kick following admonishment, temporary suspension, or sending off".

Closer scrutiny of sending off reports have revealed a trend where failure to deal promptly with instances of Abuse of the Match Officials eventually results in severe problems later in the game, which then escalate out of control, leading to Referees having to dismiss players or in severe cases, abandon games.

The Discipline Committee are continuing to work with the Warwickshire Referees Society again to adopt a "Zero Tolerance" protocol and the Warwickshire Discipline Committee will continue to add 50% onto the recommended sanctions, before looking at any mitigation, for example low entry is 6 weeks so therefore 3 weeks will be added on equalling a 9 weeks sanction, before any mitigation is taken into consideration and weeks are deducted.

Can you please pass this information onto your players, coaches and spectators and display this notice in the club house as a reminder.

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