

CONSTITUENT BODY SHORT JUDGMENT FORM

Constituent Body	Cumbria		
Case number	16/1718	Select: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Red Card <input type="checkbox"/> Citing <input type="checkbox"/> Other	

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PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE

Player's surname	Atkinson	Date of birth	20/11/1992
Forename(s)	Scott	RFU ID #	unregistered
Club name	Gosforth Greengarth	Date of match	20/01/2018
Offence & Law charged <i>(e.g. 10.4(a) strike with head)</i>	10.4(m) - Match official abuse	Plea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Admitted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Admitted
Home team	Keswick	Away team	Gosforth Greengarth
Home team level*	2nd xv	Away team level*	1st xv

***TEAM LEVEL REFERS TO 1ST XV, 2ND XV, COLTS, VETS, etc NOT WHOLE CLUB LEVEL**

HEARING DETAILS

Hearing date	10/02/2018	Hearing venue	Conference Call
Chairman	M J Neal	Secretary	D Morton
Panel member 1	D.Wilson	Panel member 2	M. Shields
Decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proven <input type="checkbox"/> Not Proven		

CASE SUMMARY & SANCTION

NOTE: UNDER RFU REGULATION 19.5.2, PLAYERS ORDERED OFF ARE PROVISIONALLY SUSPENDED PENDING THE HEARING OF THEIR CASE, SUCH SUSPENSION SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN SANCTIONING

Total sanction	Eight Weeks	Entry Point	Mid Entry
Banned from	21/01/2018	Banned to	17/03/2018
Ban split from	Click here to enter text.	Ban split to	Click here to enter text.
Free to play	Sunday 18th March. 2018	Costs	£25

NOTE: SANCTION IN MATCHES FOR AGE GRADE ONLY

NOTE: FOR SENDING OFF SUFFICIENT STATE UNDER TOTAL SANCTION

Signature (Chairman)	Click here to enter text.	Date	Click here to enter text.
Signature (Secretary)	Click here to enter text.	Date entered to GMS	12/02/2018

PLEASE TICK APPROPRIATE BOX: Intentional/deliberate 19.11.8(a) Reckless 19.11.8(b)

Gravity of player's actions 19.11.8(c)		Nature of actions 19.11.8(d)	
Used Foul and Abuse Language towards the Match Official		Player was penalised for handling in a ruck, he argued with the referee and was shown a Yellow Card. He then stepped two paces towards the referee and looking directly in the referees direction from a distance of 5 metres said "Wanker, you're Fucking useless just like when you're a Copper"	
Existence of provocation 19.11.8(e)		Whether player retaliated 19.11.8(f)	
N/a		N/a	
Self-defence 19.11.8(g)		Effect on victim 19.11.8(h)	
n/a		Referee was upset at having his professionalism called into question.	
Effect on match 19.11.8(i)		Vulnerability of victim 19.11.8(j)	
n/a		Yes, the referee had already Red Carded another Gosforth Greengarth Player for Referee Abuse.	
Level of participation/premeditation 19.11.8(k)		Conduct completed/attempted 19.11.8(L)	
		Completed	
Other features of player's conduct 19.11.8(m)			
Did not apologise to the referee in the clubhouse.			
Entry point number	Top end* Enter here	Mid-Range 12 weeks	Low End

NOTE: STATE NUMBER OF WEEKS OR MATCHES ENTRY POINT FOR OFFENCE – ENTRY POINT IN MATCHES FOR AGE GRADE ONLY

*If top end, the Panel should identify an entry point between the top end and the maximum sanction (19.11.9) as set out in Appendix 2

In making the above assessment, the Panel should consider the RFU guidance (Note 2) set out in Appendix 5 (page 366) to Regulation 19. Significant weight should be given to RFU regulation 19.11.8(a), 19.11.8(h) and 19.11.8(i).

The referee was constantly having his decisions questioned by players in this "friendly match". The level of abuse and the way it was directed at the referee merits a Mid Entry Point.

AGGRAVATING FACTORS (REGULATION 19.11.10)

Player's status as an offender of the Laws of the game 19.11.10(a)

Two Yellow Cards in 2013.

Need for deterrent 19.11.10(b)

Yes if any player Abuses a match official he puts pressure on the Referees Society to continue to provide officials.

Any other off-field aggravating factors 19.11.10(c)

None

Number added on:

None

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Acknowledgement of guilt 19.11.11(a)	Player's disciplinary record/good character 19.11.11(b)
Yes, by letter on 7 th February.	Two Yellow Cards in 2013
Youth & inexperience of player 19.11.11(c)	Conduct prior to and at hearing 19.11.11(d)
n/a	Pleaded guilty by letter
Remorse & timing of remorse 19.11.11(e)	Other off-field mitigation 19.11.11(f)
Accepted that his behaviour was wrong.	None

Number deducted:

Four Weeks

NOTE: SUBJECT TO REGULATION 19.11.13, A DISCIPLINARY PANEL CANNOT APPLY A GREATER REDUCTION THAN 50% OF THE RELEVANT ENTRY POINT SUSPENSION

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ANY OTHER INFORMATION

This is an un-registered player, playing in a friendly match. The panel felt that the language used warranted mid-entry. Having pleaded guilty and realised that his behaviour was unacceptable the Committee felt that a sanction of 8 weeks was correct.