

CONSTITUENT BODY SHORT JUDGMENT FORM

Constituent Body	Cumbria	
Case number	17/1718	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	Blackburn	Date of birth	01/10/1992
Forename(s)	Adam	RFU ID #	15742
Club name	Gosforth Greengarth	Date of match	20/01/2018
Offence & Law charged <small>(e.g. 10.4(a) strike with head)</small>	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	06/02/2018	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	Four Weeks	Entry Point	Low Entry
Banned from	21/01/2018	Banned to	17/02/2018
Ban split from	Click here to enter text.	Ban split to	Click here to enter text.
Free to play	Sunday 18 th Feb. 2018	Costs	£25 PLUS vat

NOTE: SANCTION IN MATCHES FOR AGE GRADE ONLY

NOTE: FOR SENDING OFF SUFFICIENT STATE UNDER TOTAL SANCTION

Signature (Chairman)	MJ Neal	Date	07/02/2018
Signature (Secretary)	DD MORTON	Date entered to GMS	Click here to enter text.

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)	
Swore at the referee after being given a Yellow Card		. After a penalty decision against him the player continued to argue. When shown the yellow card he turned away from the referee and said " Fuck Off ". The referee told him to turn back and issued the Red Card for Referee Abuse. The player left the field with no further comment	
Existence of provocation 19.11.8(e)		Whether player retaliated 19.11.8(f)	
None, other than apparently unhappy with the referees decision making.		N/a	
Self-defence 19.11.8(g)		Effect on victim 19.11.8(h)	
n/a		Referee who has many years experience was obviously unhappy with the comments	
Effect on match 19.11.8(i)		Vulnerability of victim 19.11.8(j)	
None, this was a friendly, non league or cup match and the incident occurred within 5 minutes of the end of the game.		n/a.	
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)			
No apology was mentioned by the referee in his report			
Entry point number	Top end* Enter here	Mid-Range	Low End Six Weeks

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).

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.Low Entry for Referee Abuse is 6 weeks

AGGRAVATING FACTORS (REGULATION 19.11.10)

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

Previous for Referee Abuse in April 2013. 3 week suspension

Need for deterrent 19.11.10(b)

Yes if any player is guilty of Referee Abuse then it puts the game of Rugby in jeopardy.

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 but denied that the comment was directed at the referee.	Previous for a similar charge in April 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)
No apology mentioned by the referee.	None

Number deducted:

Two 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

The player was playing in a friendly fixture for Gosforth Greengarth but is a regular player for Egremont. He has been fined £50 by his club and has already missed two league games for Egremont. Due to his previous record and no apology to the referee it was felt that the full 50% discount could not be given.