

Disciplinary update for Cricket Leinster

Due to COVID the committee had two outstanding inter club cases from last year and two umpires reports.

The inter club cases:

In one case it was not possible to decide on the outcome due to a lot of He says/She says comments. This is often the case in situations where no official umpires are present.

In the other case, which some admission of guilt was forthcoming, letters were issued to 4 players. One of these appealed his penalty. See appeals report for outcome.

The two umpires reports from last year:

In the first case – it was noted that the club concerned had held an internal disciplinary meeting and penalised some players. The committee commended the club on their actions and endorsed the outcome.

For the second case – due to the time lag it was decided not to proceed with this case.

Reports from this year.

- 1 In the first case the club concerned had held an internal meeting and penalised the player. The committee commended the club on their actions and endorsed the outcome.
- 2 In the next case the player was warned as to his future conduct.
- 3 In this case the club had met and penalised the player. As he had committed two offences one at level 2 and one at level 3 the penalty the committee decided that the penalty was too lenient and banned him for seven matches. This was appealed, see appeals report for outcome.
- 4 In the next case the club concerned had held an internal meeting and penalised the player. The committee commended the club on their actions and endorsed the outcome..
- 5 In the fifth case one player was banned for 4 matches with 2 suspended, another player was banned for one match, two further players were warned as to their future conduct, as were all the players. In addition the team was banned from the rest of the competition for 2021 and warned as to their future conduct.
- 6 In this case one player was banned for two matches and the captain was found guilty of a level 1 offence and warned as to his future conduct.
- 7 In this case two players were banned for two matches each. They appealed and the result is under the appeal report.
- 8 In the eighth case a warning was issued.
- 9 In the next case the player concerned had re-offended within 12 months of a previous offence so his level was automatically raised and he received a three match ban.
- 10 In this case the captain of a team was banned for three matches.
- 11 A warning was issued in the this case
- 12 As in the previous case a warning letter was issued.
- 13 And again another warning letter was issued

- 14 There is one case still not complete the committee are waiting for one club to come back with their comments from the umpires report.

Given that the season was shortened the committee still received more than one report per week and in many of the above cases numerous players were cited.

There were a couple of cases from the lower leagues where clubs reported other clubs. In general in these cases it was not possible to decide who was at fault. Without official umpires it is a matter of he says/she says, as noted in a case above. The committee would like to thank the umpires for helping the committee by producing clear reports and look forward to the day when the lower leagues have official umpires. Special thank are due to Tony Wall who organised all the umpires to attend the various meetings. This is not an easy task. In addition many incidents, mainly from lower leagues, were reported unofficially to the committee. Had there been official umpires the committee felt they would have been reported and in many cases substantial bans would have been imposed on many players.

Personally I would like to thank Barry Collins (Chair) and all the members of the committee who made themselves available for meetings. The committee welcomed Peter Lacy (Peter eile, as we have another Peter, Peter Geoffroy) to the committee, he filled a vacancy from last year. Daragh Ryan became a new dad and unfortunately felt, due to time pressures, he had to resign from the committee. This left the committee with one member short so the other members went out of their way to be available for meetings. During the season All meetings this year were held by Zoom. This was not ideal but the proceedings ran smoothly due to the experience of the chair in also chairing other national sports disciplinary committees.

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Members of the committee are: Barry Collins (Chair), Philip Byrne, Peter Geoffroy, Peter Lacy, David Pigot and Neil Swaby.