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Bredon Star Junior Rugby

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Internal Disciplinary Meeting
Date of Meeting: 23/11/2019
Player Name: Charlie Price
D.O.B. 10/07/2002
RFU ID: 01775881

Disciplinary Committee:

- Kieran Matty – Director of Rugby
- Sam Verralls – Head Coach
- Josh Fitzgerald – Club Vice-Captain
- Alex Ayres – Forwards Coach

Minutes:

- Kieran Matty

Attendees:

- Charlie Price

Players account of the incident

Charlie Price

- It was early in the second half of the game and we were defending close to our line
- There was a series of breakdowns close to the line and we, as a team, were working hard to stop Minchinhampton scoring
- I was defending to the side of the breakdown and a Minchinhampton forward, I'm not sure of the number, picked the ball up and made another attempt to cross the line
- The ball carrier, in my opinion, got close to the line and was held up just short of the line by our scrum half who had his hand under the ball
- I never felt the ball was touched on the line and therefore did not feel a try had been scored
- At this point I heard the whistle blown so I looked at the referee to check the decision made
- When I saw that a try had been given, in complete frustration, I did say the words "oh fuck off" out loud
- In hindsight, I completely understand why the referee may have felt that I was telling him to "fuck off" because I was looking in his direction to understand the decision
- I can categorically confirm that I was not telling the referee to "fuck off", I allowed my frustrations of the game and the situation to boil over in the heat of the moment
- Admittedly I was frustrated about some decisions which hadn't gone our way earlier in the game although, on reflection, I realise that my actions this afternoon are a very inappropriate way to air these frustrations

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Disciplinary panel summary

Having had a conversation with the referee in the clubhouse at Minchinhampton, the accounts of the incident from both parties are very similar and there is no question as to whether the defendant, Charlie Price, swore on the field of play. The consideration is whether the player swore directly at the official or whether it was in frustration of other elements of the match to that point.

Any abuse aimed directly at a match official is unacceptable and should be dealt with strongly.

Internal Club Sanction

The player admits his mistake in swearing on the field of play and understands how the referee may have felt it was directed at him but is adamant that it was not aimed at the official, it was purely out of frustration from circumstances throughout the match.

This club sanction is based on the assumption that the Red Card sanction for such an incident would have carried a 3-week suspension. However, it is felt, due to the slightly differing accounts of the incident, that the player had no intention to verbally abuse the official.

This means Charlie Price is ineligible to play rugby for 2 weeks.

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