



OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION (No 03)

To: Team Manager, Jaypee Punjab Warriors

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Ranchi Rhinos v Jaypee Punjab Warriors
2 February 2013

Decision of Tournament Director in respect of a hearing regarding a breach of the HHIL Code of Conduct by player Ranjit Singh (22) of Jaypee Punjab Warriors

The Report

In the match Ranchi Rhinos v Jaypee Punjab Warriors, Ranjit Singh of Jaypee Punjab Warriors received a yellow card in the 23rd minute (intentional back stick) and another one in the 62nd minute (stopping the ball above his shoulder).

This was breach of the Regulations under Appendix 2 section 6.10 of the HHIL Regulations which states: *'A player can only receive one (1) yellow card in a match. If a second yellow card is given to the same player, this card will automatically be followed by a red card and may be subject to further disciplinary measures by the Tournament Director.'*

The Hearing

The hearing was attended by Jagbir Singh (Team Manager) and Barry Dancer (Chief Coach), with Muneer Mohammed (ATD), acting as secretary. At the hearing the Team Manager expressed his view that the first yellow card was harsh and the second one correct. Video evidence was produced by myself (from Star Sports TV) and Jaypee Punjab Warriors of both decisions. I had also previously sought the opinion of the 2 umpires of the game.

Decision

Following a review of the match video with the match umpires, I agree that that the first yellow card was harsh as the player appeared not to intentionally use the back of his stick to propel the ball. The second yellow card was, however, correctly awarded.

Penalty

In view of the foregoing statements, including the umpires' post match opinions and the player's otherwise good record of discipline, I consider the permanent suspension (Red Card) for the latter part of the subject match was justified at the time and was sufficient punishment in this match. However, Ranjit Singh is issued with an Official Reprimand for his behaviour and advised that any further breaches of this nature during this tournament will be treated as a breach of the HHIL Code of Conduct.

Appeal

A right of appeal is provided by Regulation 16 of the HHIL Tournament Regulations (10 January 2013).

Howard Pollard

HHIL Assistant Tournament Director