

**SURREY COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**WRITTEN REASON**  
**Case Number 9829781M Dane Fisher**

**Introduction**

- On 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019 motor Racing Club Ewell First played Epsom All Stars in the Leatherhead and District Sunday League (The Match).
- Surrey County Football Association received a report from the match Referee Monchil Ivanov alleging Mr Dane Fisher of Epsom All Stars, having been sent off deliberately grabbed the red card from his hand and threw it to the ground and refused to leave the pitch and continued to swear at him.
- After receipt of this complaint, Surrey County FA investigated the allegation.

**The Charge**

- On 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 Surrey County FA charged Dane Fisher with misconduct for a breach of FA Rule E3 (g).
- It was alleged that: Mr Fisher made contact with the referee by grabbing the red card and throwing it to the ground after being dismissed and continued to swear at him, and that his conduct was violent and threatening.
- The relevant sections of FA Rule E3 (g) state: Improper conduct against a match official (including physical contact, violent conduct and threatening and / or abusive language / behaviour.

**The Reply**

Despite requests from the Association there had been no response from Mr Fisher in this matter.

**The Commission**

The following members were appointed by Surrey County FA to this Disciplinary Commission to hear this case:

Chair: Les Pharo

Secretary: Zak Hilliard-Winyard

Member: Sheila Pink

Independent: Jackie Watkins (Independent).

## **The Hearing & Evidence**

- This matter was dealt with by way of a non-personal hearing on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and It was agreed that we all had received and read the bundle of documents from all parties prior to the hearing.

### **Burden of Proof:**

The applicable standard of proof for this case is the balance of probability. The balance of probability standard means that the Commission is satisfied an event occurred if the Commission considers that, on the evidence, the occurrence of the event was more likely than not.

The following is a summary of the principal submissions considered by the Commission. It does not purport to contain reference to all points considered, however the absence in these reasons of any particular point, or submission, should not imply that the Commission did not take such point, or submission, into consideration when the members determined the matter. For the avoidance of doubt, the Commission carefully considered all the evidence and materials furnished with regard to this case.

This matter was considered on the basis of a denial as shown in the paperwork; however, the commission were not able to consider any response to the charge as despite requests there was no response and therefore had no alternative than to find the matter proven.

Having found the matter proved the following sanction was imposed in line with the FA sanction guidelines and taking into consideration the previous record of Mr Fisher:

Mr Fisher is suspended from all football for a total period of 208 days this taking into account the non-playing period in the summer, he is also fine the sum of £150-00 and 8 points are awarded against Epsom All Stars.

Les Pharo

Chair

6<sup>th</sup> May 2019