

Sussex County Football Association (SCFA)

Disciplinary Commission

Consolidated Hearing – Thursday 18th July 2019

Commission members – David Nessling (Chairman – County Member), Mark Potter (County Member) & Victoria Searle (Independent Member)

Commission Secretary – Ollie Powell (Football Services Manager, SCFA)

Case ID: 9851542-M.

Charge: FA Rule E3 – Improper Conduct (including threatening and/or abusive language/behaviour).

Participant: Brian Williams.

Club/Role: Lancing Youth – Assistant Coach.

Match: Lancing Youth U10 v Barnham Trojans U10 Red.

Date: Sunday 17th March 2019.

League: Arun & Chichester Youth Football League.

Written reasons for decision

After considering all the evidence put forward the commission decided that the case against Brian Williams was not proven.

Case ID: 9850741-M.

Charge: FA Rule E3 – Improper Conduct (including threatening and/or abusive language/behaviour).

Participant: David Payne.

Club/Role: Barnham Trojans U10 Red – Manager.

Match: Lancing Youth U10 v Barnham Trojans U10 Red.

Date: Sunday 17th March 2019.

League: Arun & Chichester Youth Football League.

Written reasons for decision

Mr Payne failed to arrive for the Hearing and did not provide any reasons to the SCFA for his absence. The Disciplinary Commission therefore dealt with the case in Mr Payne's absence.

After considering all the evidence available the commission decided that the case against David Payne was proven.

The Commission members were unanimous in their decision having taken into account the following:

- The Referee's report was clear in stating that Mr Payne used foul and abusive language to his own team.
- The Referee's report was clear in stating that Mr Payne was abusive and intimidating towards him.
- The Referee's report was clear in stating that Mr Payne was abusive to the opposition's coach and made adverse comments to an opposition player and his father which caused upset.
- Witness statements from the coaching staff and parents of players of Barnham Trojans U10 Red stated that Mr Payne's behaviour was appalling, aggressive and abusive.
- Mr Payne's behaviour was considered inappropriate within the confines of any football match but particularly inappropriate within the confines of an U10 youth match.
- In making their decision in terms of punishment the disciplinary commission panel took into account that Mr Payne's disciplinary record only showed three cautions.

Decision: The Commission members came to the following decision:

- The participant be suspended from all football activities for 3 matches such activities including but not limited to training sessions, coaching and attending matches.
- The participant be fined £40.
- The participant's club Barnham Trojans accrue 7 penalty points.

David Nessling,
Chairman,
SCFA Disciplinary Commission
21st July 2019