

CONSTITUENT BODY SHORT JUDGMENT FORM

Constituent Body	Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire & Derbyshire		
Case number		Select: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Red Card <input type="checkbox"/> Citing <input type="checkbox"/> Other	

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PARTICULARS OF OFFENCE

Player's surname	Furness	Date of birth	23/6/1988
Forename(s)	Ben	RFU ID #	1298137
Club name	Bakewell	Date of match	29/10/2019
Offence & Law charged <i>(e.g. 9.12 - strike with head)</i>	9.12 - striking with fist or arm	Plea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Admitted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Admitted
Home team	Bakewell	Away team	Buxton
Home team level*	1st XV	Away team level*	1st XV

***TEAM LEVEL REFERS TO 1ST XV, 2ND XV, COLTS, VETS, etc NOT WHOLE CLUB LEVEL**

HEARING DETAILS

Hearing date	12/11/2019	Hearing venue	Papers
Chairman	Andy Stout	Secretary	Andy Statham
Panel member 1	Tim Bembridge	Panel member 2	
Decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proven <input type="checkbox"/> Not Proven		

CASE SUMMARY & SANCTION

NOTE: UNDER RFU REGULATION 19.5.2, PLAYERS ORDERED OFF ARE PROVISIONALLY SUSPENDED PENDING THE HEARING OF THEIR CASE, SUCH SUSPENSION SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN SANCTIONING

Total sanction	4 weeks	Entry Point	Mid-range: 6 weeks	NOTE: SANCTION IN MATCHES FOR AGE GRADE ONLY
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Banned from	29/10/19	Banned to	26/11/2019
Ban split from	Click here to enter text.	Ban split to	Click here to enter text.
Free to play	27/11/2019	Costs	£30

Signature (Chairman)	Andy Stout	Date	14/11/19
Signature (Secretary)	Andy Statham	Date entered to GMS	

PLEASE TICK APPROPRIATE BOX: Intentional/deliberate 19.11.8(a) Reckless 19.11.8(b)

Gravity of player's actions 19.11.8(c)		Nature of actions 19.11.8(d)	
Deemed to be deliberate - ruck had formed and opponents had protected the ball - Furness "attacked the ruck" leading with a punch.		Player attacked a ruck leading with a punch to the head of an opponent.	
Existence of provocation 19.11.8(e)		Whether player retaliated 19.11.8(f)	
None.		No.	
Self-defence 19.11.8(g)		Effect on victim 19.11.8(h)	
N/a		No medical attention required and player continued to play.	
Effect on match 19.11.8(i)		Vulnerability of victim 19.11.8(j)	
None.		N/k	
Level of participation/premeditation 19.11.8(k)		Conduct completed/attempted 19.11.8(L)	
N/k		Completed.	
Other features of player's conduct 19.11.8(m)			
Entry point number	Top end*	Mid-Range	Low End

**NOTE: STATE NUMBER OF WEEKS OR MATCHES ENTRY POINT FOR OFFENCE – ENTRY POINT IN MATCHES
FOR AGE GRADE ONLY**

*If top end, the Panel should identify an entry point between the top end and the maximum sanction (19.11.9) as set out in Appendix 2

In making the above assessment, the Panel should consider the RFU guidance (Note 2) set out in Appendix 5 (page 366) to Regulation 19. Significant weight should be given to RFU regulation 19.11.8(a), 19.11.8(h) and 19.11.8(i).

Any act of foul play which results in contact with the head and/or neck shall result in at least a mi-range sanction.

AGGRAVATING FACTORS (REGULATION 19.11.10)

Player's status as an offender of the Laws of the game 19.11.10(a)

N/k

Need for deterrent 19.11.10(b)

None.

Any other off-field aggravating factors 19.11.10(c)

None

Number added on:

NOTE: AGGRAVATING IN MATCHES FOR AGE
GRADE ONLY

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Acknowledgement of guilt 19.11.11(a)	Player's disciplinary record/good character 19.11.11(b)
Pleaded guilty but disputed that made contact with opponents head.	N/k
Youth & inexperience of player 19.11.11(c)	Conduct prior to and at hearing 19.11.11(d)
N/k	N/a
Remorse & timing of remorse 19.11.11(e)	Other off-field mitigation 19.11.11(f)
Apologised & expressed remorse.	None

Number deducted: 2

NOTE: SUBJECT TO REGULATION 19.11.13, A DISCIPLINARY PANEL CANNOT APPLY A GREATER REDUCTION THAN 50% OF THE RELEVANT ENTRY POINT SUSPENSION

NOTE: MITIGATING IN MATCHES FOR AGE GRADE

ANY OTHER INFORMATION

Full mitigation of 3 weeks was reduced to 2 weeks as player did not fully accept the contents of the referee's report - namely did not accept that his blow connected with opponents head and there was therefore a limited acknowledgement of culpability.