

**RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION**  
**DISCIPLINARY HEARING**

Constituent Body: NLD

Venue: Newark RFC

Case Number: NLD24/25040

Date: 5/12/24

**JUDGMENT**

Player: N/A

Club: Lincoln University RFC

Match: Lincoln University 2nd xv V Anglia Ruskin University RFC

Date of game: 14/10/23

Panel: Tim Bembridge (Chair),

Secretary: Andrew Statham

Attending:N/A

1. On admission from the university it was found that on the balance of probability the behaviour at Lincoln University constituted referee abuse and caused the match referee to submit an RFU match official abuse form (MoA Form).
2. The club (University) pleaded guilty to the charge of conduct prejudicial to the interests of the game, contrary to [RFU Rule 5.12](#).
3. Lincoln University Students Union C.E.O. conducted internal investigations following written and electronic communications with Andrew Statham.
4. The University put the club (society) through their internal disciplinary process and was issued a final warning.
5. However since these issues were raised a separate incident has occurred not involving NLD Discipline and the club (society) has been suspended.
6. NLD disciplinary committee has accepted this process and supports the University in their actions against this behaviour of their Rugby Club.
7. A letter of apology was written by the University Mens Rugby President

**Decision**

12.The club (society)pleaded guilty and this was proven by the panel.

**Costs**

12. £50-00 fee to the club.

**Right of Appeal**

13. There is a right of appeal against this decision. Any such appeal must be lodged with the RFU Head of Discipline by