



## BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HOCKEY UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

### Disciplinary Report to the 2015-2016 AGM

This year has seen an increase from three incidents to four involving our clubs affiliated to Buckinghamshire HA. All were red cards with no matchday misconducts (MMOs) reported. For the first time in my ten year tenure as county disciplinary administrator there was one incident involving a female player.

The four Bucks incidents resulted in four players suspended as follows

- 1) 28/11/2015 – Gerrards Cross 1<sup>st</sup> XI player suspended for 16 days for dissent towards an umpire.
- 2) 05/12/2015 – Slough 1<sup>st</sup> XI player suspended for 32 days – red card for threatening violence towards a player
- 3) 23/01/2016 – Tring Ladies player suspended for 23 days for dissent towards an umpire.
- 4) 06/02/2016 – Tring 1<sup>st</sup> XI player suspended for 60 days for using violence towards a player.

There were further issues with many clubs in Men's MBBO division 3 declining to complete their fixtures against West London. The South league made an investigation and did not agree with these clubs who were all fined and deducted 3 points. The main findings of the league was that most of the evidence was anecdotal and not based on specific incidents.

I can not stress the importance that if clubs have issues they raise their concerns quickly after the match and make a detailed report, including specific information and direct quotes if it relates to on-field abuse between players. These complaints need to be emailed to County Disciplinary Administrators and the league secretary copied in.

The number of red cards and MMOs compared to the number of matches played remains low across the south and a reducing trend continues for the fourth consecutive season. Surrey and Bucks being those areas with a small increase.

As a small county this is how Bucks compare to others in the south region

County	Red cards	MMOs
Berks	0	1
<b>Bucks</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
Hants/Dorset	6	0
Kent	3	2
Middx	3	6
Oxon	1	1
Surrey	7	0
Sussex	2	0

Should anyone wish to view the full list who is currently suspended across the South region they are listed on the Southern Counties HA website.

(<http://www.southhockey.org.uk/index.php/about-us/discipline>)

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