## **RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION - DISCIPLINARY HEARING**

## **BRISTOL FILTON HOLIDAY INN**

## **JUDGMENT**

Player: Steve Davies (the "Player")

Club: Dings Crusaders RFC

Match: Clifton RFC 2<sup>nd</sup> XV Vs. Clifton RFC 2<sup>nd</sup> XV

Date of Match: 9th February 2008

Venue: Clifton RFC

Panel: Mike Curling (Chairman)

John Doubleday Paul Murphy

In Attendance:

Liam McTiernan (Secretary)

To Consider:

The sending off of the Player, for striking, contrary to Law 10(4)(a).

The case was dealt with as "papers only" as the player pleaded guilty. There was no match video.

#### **Evidence as to Fact**

The Panel considered:-

1. The sending off report submitted by the referee Matthew O'Grady.

#### **Finding**

The Panel took into account the suspension of one week imposed by the Club, and agreed that the sanction was appropriate. Taking the offence to be at the Low End (LE) of the scale, the Panel having assessed the gravity of the offence under 8.2.5 of the RFU Disciplinary Regulations made the following assessment:

- The act was deliberate and completed.
- There were no other aggravating features.

The Panel assessed the entry point as Low Entry (LE) with an entry point of 2 weeks. They then took into account:

- His guilty plea and remorse.
- Clean record.
- The 1 week Club suspension imposed on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

In regard to these mitigating features the Panel discounted 1 weeks.

## **Sanction**

The player is suspended from playing for a period of 1 week. The suspension will include time already served from 12<sup>th</sup> February 2008 up until and including 19<sup>th</sup> February. The player is free to play again immediately.

## Costs

Costs of £75.00 are awarded against the Player/Club.

# Right of Appeal

There is a right of appeal against this decision which should be lodged with the RFU Disciplinary Department in accordance with the Disciplinary Regulations.

Signed: Liam McTiernan (Secretary)

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008