

# BREDON STAR R.F.C. Ltd. est. 1991

Incorporating  
Bredon Star Junior Rugby

( Affiliated to the Rugby Football Union, North Midlands RFU  
and Worcestershire & Herefordshire RFU )



## Minutes of the Disciplinary Committee Meeting held at 6:00pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

### Present:

David Newcombe (President)  
Scott Jameson (Junior Club Chairman)  
Adrian Bawdon (Treasurer)  
Russell Collins (Part only)

### Subject:

The Offer For Sale, via an online ticket site, of International Tickets purchased by Russell Collins, a Life Member of Bredon Star RFC. An action strictly forbidden by the RFU.

### Committee Membership:

It was agreed that Adrian Bawdon be co-opted onto the Disciplinary Committee for this meeting.

### Background:

Russell had purchased two International Tickets from a family friend, Kevin Falvey, who in turn had purchased the tickets as part of his patronage of North Midlands RFU. As he no longer wanted to use the tickets personally Russell advertised them for sale at a hugely inflated price on a ticket reselling site. The RFU identified that the tickets had been advertised and confirmed they were tickets originally supplied to North Midlands RFU. In due course it was confirmed that the tickets had been supplied to Kevin and subsequently passed onto Russell who had inappropriately offered them for sale. The tickets were duly cancelled.

With limited visible process, Kevin has been personally sanctioned by North Midlands RFU and in their confirmation letter to him they have recommended that Russell be banned for life from the application to purchase International Tickets. Bredon Star RFC has had no direct communication from North Midlands RFU.

When asked to explain himself Russell admitted full responsibility and offered his sincere and fulsome apologies for the problems that his actions had caused. Whilst understanding his wrong doing; he had failed to appreciate the severe potential implications and when more fully briefed, his remorse was very evident.

### Decision:

The Committee discussed the situation at length. They were cognizant of the fact that Russell had admitted his wrongdoing and appreciated his apology. In coming to a decision on the level of sanction that should be imposed they considered the sanction applied to Kevin by North Midlands RFU. However the committee had previously agreed that his sanction was viewed as excessive and therefore of little relevance and that the further recommendations of North Midlands RFU did not seem equitable or appropriate. They also considered the level of sanction imposed in previous disciplinary hearings.

It was unanimously agreed that Russell should be banned from the application to purchase International Tickets from Bredon Star RFC for a period of 5 (five) years but that the last two years should be suspended. On the assumption that the suspension is confirmed, Russell would next be able to apply to purchase tickets in the Autumn of 2021. In delivering this sanction, Russell should be offered the Right of Appeal that should be submitted in writing to the Disciplinary Committee not later than 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018.

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The meeting was closed.

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