

Prescribed Penalty	
GAME	
Home team:	Thornlie
Away team:	Riverton Rostrata
Date of offence:	22-02-2025
Grade:	2nd
Played at:	Walter Padbury Oval
REPORTED PLAYER	
Last name:	Lewis
First name:	Dylan
Club:	Thornlie
OFFENCE AND PENALTY	
65b. Reportable offences and penalties:	(xv) Disputing of an umpires decision by gestures or words - Four (4) playing dates ban
Penalty rationale:	Dissented towards an umpires decission
Did player, or his captain, sign the prescribed penalty form?:	No
Name of signee:	

UMPIRE	
Last name:	McCarthy
First name:	Douglas
Email:	

Matter referred to P&D Tribunal, decision below

ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

As per decision of the P&D Mr Lewis is suspended for four weeks over the final week of this season and the first three playing dates of the 2025/26 season.

TRIBUNAL

Date: 05-03-2025

In Attendance:

Personnel: J Landsmeer, S Kemp, S Salim

Convenor: J Landsmeer

Umpire: N Harris Umpires Advisor

PLAYER

Name: Dylan Lewis

Club: Thornlie

Advocate: D King

PENALTY

Report: Thornlie CC appealed the original prescribed penalty - (xv) Disputing of an umpires decision by gestures or words - Four (4) playing dates ban.

Notes: Thornlie CC appealed the original prescribed penalty - (xv) Disputing of an umpires decision by gestures or words - Four (4) playing dates ban.

	<p>Dylan Lewis and Thornlie CC appealed the verdict on the belief that dissent towards an official umpire is a two playing date penalty. A statement was read on behalf of umpire Doug McCarthy, who suggested Dylan 'remonstrated in a demonstrably manner' after an appeal for a catch was deemed a bump ball, and used the terms "that's just cheating" which left the umpire feeling like his integrity was questioned. The umpire also alleged that Dylan later said "don't bother, he will just call it a bump ball" when a ball was hit in the air towards a fielder. Before the commencement of the second day's play umpire McCarthy gave Thornlie CC President David King a prescribed penalty form – alleging Mr Lewis contravened by-law XV -dissent towards an official umpire. The form was not signed, which meant a Protest and Disputes meeting was held to determine an outcome. Thornlie CC believed that the prescribed penalty should only see a two week outcome, with Alan Zanich (club team mate and work colleague) reading a statement on Dylan's behalf and Alan providing a character reference as his current employer. Upon reflection on the charge (xv) Disputing of an umpires decision by gestures or words - Four (4) playing dates ban that was applied to the incident, the Protest and Disputes Tribunal determined that this charge had been correctly applied by umpire Doug McCarthy.</p>
Penalty:	<p>The initial four playing dates ban was upheld, with Dylan Lewis to serve his four weeks over the final week of this season and the first three playing dates of the 2025/26 season.</p>
SIGNEE	
Name:	J Landsmeer
Function:	P&D Member
Email:	

Gary Hartman
SMCA Administrator