P and D - 11/11/26 , 630PM @ JPCC Atwell

Ryan Pontillo – Prescribed penalty for equipment abuse (2w)

Attendees
Chair - Norm Harris
Scribe Ian Del Rosso SMCA
Panel: Mario Baeli SMCA, Brendan Fowler -Canning Vale CC, Rhys Mackie - Armadale CC
CBC:
Ryan Pontillo, Nick Bailey (Capt), Gareth Foulkes (President), James Colletta

Chair: Norm Harris outlined the allegations and the penalty and discussed the PnD process, then called for a statement from Ryan Pontillo.

Statement summary, Ryan Pontillo:
Denied the alleged charges as described and gave a statement which he denied hitting the pads and hitting the door with his bat as he left the ground, admitted using the bat to clip the middle strap that was sticking up as he was walking off, but not hitting the pads aggressively enough to dislodge them from the ground, and using his bat to push open the door as he went through but not hitting the door aggressively.
Agreed he was disappointed with the circumstances of his dismissal, but not the decision, there was no dissent and left the ground immediately, he admitted hitting his own pads with his bat and a level of frustration at getting run out at a crucial time in a very important game for the club.

Umpires reports on the incident were read out, there was discussion around the bylaws and there applicability in this case, given there was no equipment thrown , hitting stumps, nor evidence of damage, other than indeterminable noise reported by the umpires.

CBC advised based on the prescribed penalty descriptions handed to the Capt. Nick Bailey at the end of the game, they did not see where his (Pontillo) actions fitted the Prescribed penalty structure.

Outcome: after deliberation the panel agreed this was on the low end of what would meet the penalty outcome , and it was unanimously agreed that the Penalty be downgraded to Caution, after considering the evidence presented, statements from the player involved, umpires reports, player statements, and the players good record to this point.

Ian Del Rosso