



CAC GAMES 2010 - Hockey MEMORANDO

TO: Bermuda Ladies Hockey Team Manager – Mrs. Eva Dillas
FROM: Cameron Burke – Director del Torneo
DATE: July 31, 2010

Decision in the hearing of the breach of the Code of Conduct by Bermudan players (#7) Iman Smith and (#16) Keishae Robinson during the match Bermuda v Puerto Rico on July 30, 2010

At the sound of the horn to end the Ladies game Bermuda v Puerto Rico with the score on 1-0 to Puerto Rico, Bermuda was awarded a penalty Corner. During the penalty corner play a Bermudan player collided with the umpire in her attempted to get the ball. The ball went out of the field of play and the game ended. The Bermudan players became very agitated and approach the umpire. The TO on duty reported that the two players cited above continued their animated discussion with the umpire into the technical area before they were intercepted and led away by their manager.

At the hearing, the players denied the charge and their representative Mr. Hermannie Smith spoken in their defence. He questioned the procedures under the code and noted that he did not see a copy of the report only what was outlined in the correspondence advising of the hearing. To the charge, he said that the standard of umpiring was questionable in his opinion and this led to his players becoming very upset and expressing themselves. He further stated that the game ended in confusion and no one knew what was happening. He said that it was only after a discussion between the two umpires that they knew the game was ended. He acknowledged that in the circumstances his players did vent their frustrations to the umpires but not in an aggressive manner. He asked that the following be considered in reaching my decision.

1. The age of the players 15 and 21 years of age
2. Their first international tournament
3. The history of the Bermudan team. Many Fair play awards at previous tournaments
4. Small player base
5. Lack of control of the game exhibited by the umpires.

During the hearing, the two players were respectful and were seemingly intimidated by the occasion.

The code of conduct put this a level 1 offence which is - Disputing/protesting, reacting in a provocative or disapproving manner in an inappropriate way toward any decision made by an umpire or official.

The penalty suggested is an official reprimand and/or a suspension of the individual for a minimum of one match. While this behaviour cannot be condoned, while Iman Smith discontinued her protest on the field of play, the action of Keishae Robinson to continue her protest into the technical area is unacceptable. As a mitigating factor, I have taken into account the outstanding record of behaviour and cooperation exhibited by the Bermudan teams in the



past, hence I am recommending that Iman Smith be strongly reprimanded for her on field outburst and that Keishae Robinson be suspended for 1 match.

Decision

My decision is as follows:

Iman Smith (#7) - Reprimanded

Keishae Robinson (#16) - Suspended for 1 match. That match will be the next international game played by Bermuda in an FIH/PAHF approved tournament.

Cameron Burke
Tournament Director