

July 20, 2015

Mrs. Denise Guest
Manager
Brazil Hockey Team

Dear Madam

A hearing of a Level 1 charge namely “Throwing a stick or striking a ball at or near a player(s), umpire or official in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner” against your player No. 14 Paulo Batista, was conducted today July 20, 2015, in the Tournament Director’s office at the Games Venue. In attendance were the following persons:

Tournament Director and Chair – Mr. Cameron Burke
Tournament Director – Ms. Lorena Rinaldini, who acted as translator
Manager, Brazil Hockey team – Mrs. Denise Guest
Player No. 14, Brazil Hockey team – Mr. Paulo Batista

At the hearing, the facts of the charge were discussed with the player, who accepted the charge and apologized for his action, which in hindsight, he recognized may have resulted in serious injury to one or more players. In his evidence, he noted that he did not hear the umpire’s whistle hence he was only trying to seize the opportunity for scoring a goal for his team.

At the hearing, it was evident that the team management had worked with the player to emphasize the ramifications of his actions. This was certainly commendable on their part.

Decision

I have reviewed the evidence and have accepted the disposition of the player. However, I have also taken into account the following

- The deliberate action of the player
- The potential of the action to cause serious injury to a player(s) and official
- That the action occurred after the umpire had blown for an infringement
- The duration of the yellow card suspension (5 minutes)

Having considered all the above, my decision is that your player NO. 14, Paulo Batista is **SUSPENDED** for **ONE GAME**.

- Match 15 July 21 17.00 QF3 United States Brazil.

Please be guided accordingly.



Cameron Burke - Tournament Director