



## OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

### **Decision in the hearing in the breach of Code of Conduct by the Uruguay Team Manager in the match Uruguay v United States 16 March 2010**

In the second half of the match Uruguay v United States, Team Manager Diego Perez loudly and demonstratively challenged the umpire's decisions. The Technical Officer on duty warned Perez. The behavior was unchanged and the TO yellow carded Perez. Perez complied with not communicating about the umpire's decisions.

Diego Perez attended the hearing to discuss the behavior. Perez admitted that he made comments to the umpires for their decisions. He stated that the TO spoke to him on several occasions and he was aware that he received a yellow card. He stated that this was his first time as a Team Manager, that he was very intense in the game as the outcome was very important to the team and that the environment was very exciting due to the number of spectators in attendance.

In review of the code of conduct, Rodriguez stated he had signed the Code of Conduct form. The Code of Conduct Level 1 was reviewed specifically the Level 1 behavior penalty:

- Disputing/protesting, reacting in a provocative or disapproving manner in an inappropriate way toward any decision made by an umpire or official.

Perez apologized for his communication to the umpires. Additionally, he stated this was his first international tournament as a team manager, he was very intense in relation to the outcome of the game and the environment was exciting.

The decision is to not penalize Perez with a game suspension based on his apology, his behavior after the card, his behavior in the meeting and his inexperience as a team manager at the international level. He is aware that any further protesting, disputing or disapproving reactions focused at an umpire for decisions will lead to a suspension.

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