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Club Discipline Officers (CDOs) are reminded that if they cease to hold that post the CDA should be notified personally of that fact, together with the full contact details of the new CDO (Reg.3.3 EH Red Card & MMO Regs. 2008), which should then also be updated immediately on the Club's webpage on the HHA/HHUA website. Updating the website alone is NOT the same as notifying the CDA.

(last season's figures in brackets)

This season has been slightly better than last, but there has still been a total of **15** (20) discipline incidents involving Hampshire players - **12** (17) Red Cards, **1** (1) M.M.O., and **2** (2) Disrepute Offences.

Category a) - 6 + 1 (14) for non-violent offences, e.g.misconduct/dissent/umpire abuse.

Category b) - 5 + 2 (6) for using/attempting/threatening violence to another player.

Category c) - 1 (0) for using/attempting/threatening violence to an umpire.

Of the **12** red cards, **7** (8) were given by HHUA appointed umpires, **3** (8) by club umpires, and **2** by other HUA appointed umpires (1 Surrey: 1 Oxon) to visiting Hampshire players. The MMO was reported by an HHUA appointed umpire. One of the Disrepute Offences was initially reported by a 'non-registered' umpire as a red card – the other by the victim's Club.

3 of the 15 offenders were female – the highest yearly total to date.

Basingstoke (1 male: 1 female) & Fareham both had 2 players red-carded, though one of Fareham's was playing for Hampshire at the time. The one Havant player red-carded was playing for his college at the time. Other clubs which had one player red-carded were:- Wimborne Wayfarers, City of Portsmouth, Southampton, Aldershot & Farnham, Basingstoke, Weymouth, Andover, Waterside. A Southampton University player was the subject of the MMO, and the Disrepute Offences were reported against players from Lavant & Eastleigh.

None of those red-carded was a team captain or a "team official".

Only 1 of the Cat.a) offences (non-violence) was for a repeated technical/playing offence following a yellow card. 1 other was a straight red for dangerous play. Somewhat pleasingly, only 3 of this category were 'traffic-lights' (immediately from yellow to red) for unwise comments – a marked reduction from last season, though still an unwanted & wholly unnecessary facet of our game.

Of the 7 Cat.b) offences (physical violence to a player), 2 were committed with the stick, 1 was a kick, 1 a shoulder-barge and 1 a throat-grab! Worryingly, however, were 2 serious assaults, which were dealt with as Disrepute Offences. One was a punch after the final whistle, and one a head-butt following a tackle. The County imposed long suspensions in both cases.

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No fewer than 8 players are carrying over suspensions into the next (2013/14) season. With 15 disciplinary incidents Hampshire, unsurprisingly, heads the unofficial league of shame in the South. Surrey, with 14 (all red cards) are 2nd, with Kent at 3rd with 10 red cards & 3 MMO/DOs. This is one 'competition' which I would dearly love Hampshire to lose!

The County would like to congratulate CDOs & their Clubs for whatever measures they have taken internally which have resulted in 5 fewer disciplinary incidents overall this season – please continue with the good work, as I would wish to report another reduction next year.

This was the fifth season under the new EH Red Card & Matchday Misconduct Offence Regulations 2008 & the separate EH Disrepute Offence Regulations 2008, both of which replaced the former EH Code of Discipline 2006. It is disappointing, therefore, to report that some umpires & players are still not fully conversant with the definition of, & procedures to be followed for Matchday Misconduct Offences (MMOs), which are laid down in Regulation 4.4.

My special thanks go to my Deputy, Steve Downham, who has indicated his wish to step down at the AGM. His support & wise counsels have been an important factor in the ongoing administration of discipline within Hampshire, and will be missed. Thanks go also to HHA Chairman and Committee for their advice and support throughout the season. I also thank the CDOs of those clubs with which we have had dealings during the season, and those Umpires who have not flinched from doing what is right, necessary, and often unpleasant.

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