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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 the best for many years, but there has still been a total of **10** (15) discipline incidents involving Hampshire players - **9** (12) **Red Cards**, **0** (1) **M.M.O.**, and **1** (2) **Disrepute Offences**.

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

Category b) - 3 (5 + 2) for using/attempting/threatening violence to another player.

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

Of the **9** red cards, **5** (7) were given by HHUA appointed umpires, **3** (3) by club umpires, and **1** (2) by other HUA appointed umpires (Surrey) to a visiting Hampshire coach. The Disrepute Offence was reported by an HHUA appointed umpire.

Hamble had 3 people red-carded. Other clubs which had one player red-carded were:- Basingstoke; Brockenhurst College/New Milton; Trojans; Swanage & Wareham; Portsmouth Sharks; & Southampton. None of the 10 offenders were female.

The Disrepute Offence was reported against a Trojans player/coach, & dealt with by the South RDA. This highlighted the inadvisability of using social media to criticise umpires. It is bad enough to abuse an umpire face-to-face, but to spread that abuse for anyone to see cannot be acceptable in hockey. Even soccer, that fount of some very disagreeable behavioural problems creeping into hockey, does not tolerate managers/players publicly criticising referees on tv – neither will hockey on other media. Please be warned accordingly!

One of those red-carded was a team captain, another a “team official”.

Only 1 of the Cat.a) offences (non-violence) was for a repeated technical/playing offence following a yellow card. Somewhat displeasingly, 3 of this category were ‘traffic-lights’ (immediately from yellow to red) for unwise comments or dissenting actions – an increase from last season, & still an unwanted & wholly unnecessary facet of our game.

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Of the 3 Cat.b) offences (physical violence to a player), 2 were committed with the feet, 1 with the hand. Fortunately for the offenders only 1 of these 3 assaults actually made contact, & even then only a very slight injury was caused, but The County still imposed a lengthy suspension.

Only 1 player is carrying over a suspension (& not from this season) into the next (2014/15) season. For once, and by way of a welcome change, with only 10 disciplinary incidents Hampshire no longer heads the unofficial league of shame in the South. Kent with 19, & Surrey with 16 lead this particular (& unwanted) field.

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

This was the sixth 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. Thankfully we had none this season, as the definition & procedures are still not universally known amongst umpires & players alike.

My special thanks go to my Deputy, Steve Downham, who, thankfully, decided to stay in post instead of 'retiring' at the end of last season. 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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