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DISCIPLINE LETTER TO CLUBS

Subject: GRFU Disciplinary Procedures – Important Information for the Season Ahead

To: Discipline Secretaries of GRFU CB-Affiliated Clubs

From: Dave Guyan, Chair of Discipline, Gloucestershire RFU

Date: 11 August 2025

Dear Discipline Secretary,

I hope this message finds you well as we prepare for the upcoming rugby season.

I would like to begin by announcing a change in our disciplinary team. Danny Rumble will be stepping into the role of Disciplinary Secretary, succeeding David Parry Jones. On behalf of the Gloucestershire RFU, I extend our heartfelt thanks to David for his tremendous dedication and service over the years.

♦ Disciplinary Procedures

The disciplinary process remains unchanged from last season. It is essential that all Discipline Secretaries are fully familiar with the procedure, as we observed several instances last year where it was not correctly followed.

You can find the full process outlined here:

🔗 [GRFU Discipline Process](#)

♦ Reporting and Correspondence

All disciplinary matters—including card reports and case-related correspondence—should be sent to:

✉ **DISCSEC@GRFU.ORG**

♦ Hearings

Serious cases, MOA cases, and contested hearings will continue to be held in person. Depending on timing and circumstances, these may be conducted either physically or virtually (via Zoom or Teams). Please ensure your club is prepared for both formats.

There has been an update to regulation and a new provision added that enables GRFU Discipline to ratify a club sanction (19.2.6) for misconduct cases providing the club has followed due process and forwards all relevant paperwork to the Disciplinary Secretary.

♦ Admin Fees

The administration for cases will increase to £55 per case. This is the first increase for a considerable number of years and is in line with other CBs.

♦ Spectator and Team Conduct

Last season saw an increase in cases under Regulation 19.4.9, concerning misconduct by spectators for which clubs are held accountable. Please reinforce standards of behaviour across your club to avoid potential sanctions.

Additionally, misconduct by age-grade teams or lower senior sides (e.g., 2nd or 3rd XVs) may result in disciplinary action against the club's senior team—Men's or Women's—as appropriate.

♦ Season Statistics

We dealt with 139 cases last season, up from 96 the previous year, including several cross-border hearings. This is a significant increase, and we hope to see a reduction in the season ahead.

Let us all work together to promote a season of hard-fought, fair rugby played in the right spirit—and supported in the same manner.

Best regards,

Dave Guyan

Chair of Discipline
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