THE ARMY RUGBY UNION

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All ARU Affiliated Clubs

ARU Representative Team Managers

**ARU DISCIPLINE NOTICE – PLAYERS SUSPENSION FOLLOWING RED CARDS**

References:

A. RFU Regulations 2015/16 – Regulation 19.

B. ARU/Discipline/Governance/1-15-16 dated 01 Jul 15 – ARU Discipline Letter for Season 15/16.

1. At a recent ARU Discipline Panel we had to deal with a player who had received a Red Card for foul play during a fixture and then also deal with the same player on an additional charge for an incident under RFU Rule 5.12 for playing after receiving the Red Card. In this instance the player went on to play for another team that evening, despite knowing he should have been suspended.

2. All clubs affiliated to the ARU should be aware of References A and the content of Reference B with regards to Discipline Regulations that apply. Reg 19.5.2 states that:

“A Player ordered off …… may not take par or be selected for any match until his case has been dealt with by an RFU or Constituent Body Disciplinary Panel.”

This is further pointed out to all clubs in Reference B para 7b. This includes **any rugby**, whether for an Army or civilian club.

3. The aim of this note is to remind all ARU Unit Rugby Officers, Managers and Coaches of their responsibility **to ensure that all players understand that, should they receive a red card during a fixture, they may not play until the case has been dealt with**. Please ensure this is complied with.

4. Should you wish any further information or advice please contact either myself or my Discipline Sec, WO2 Stuart Scott. Details on the ARU Website.

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