

EMPIRE RFU GU
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
June 26, 2014

The Executive Board met via conference call on Wednesday, June 26, 2014, at 9:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Board Members: Mike Crafton (President), Matthew Winard (VP Finance), Robert Mayers (VP Communications), Ken Pape (ED Men), Sarah Rutman (ED Women), Sean Horan (ED Sevens), Brad Kleiner (ED Referees)

Ad-Hoc Members: Gary Heavner (Congress Rep to USAR Board)

Administrator: J.C. Whipple (Administrator)

Membership: Montclair, Rockaway, Princeton, Morris, Hudson Valley, Bayonne, Village Lions, Danbury

Absent: Steve Lewis (VP Operations),

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 p.m.

DISCIPLINARY GUIDELINES – 7s TOURNAMENTS

Mike Crafton stated it was in the interest of Empire GU (EGU) to develop disciplinary guidelines for EGU 7s Tournaments, specifically regarding red cards.

iRB Rule 17.31.1 states that a player appeal of a red card should be heard within two (2) hours or prior to the next scheduled match.

The current model is that once a player receives a red card, said player must sit out the remainder of the tournament. The player in question is subject to a review and additional discipline by the EGU Disciplinary Committee (EGU DC), chaired by Ken Pape.

Ken Pape initiated a discussion on whether a citing commissioner (in our case, the equivalent possibly being a tournament director, etc.) should be given the authority to hear an appeal. The citing commissioner would have the ability to discuss any questions or concerns with a member of the EGU DC, should one not be present at the tournament.

Concern was raised with the iRB Rule and that a Judicial Officer would not be present at all tournaments, in addition to technology supplementing a review of the matter.

A discussion took place regarding support and authority for the Referees. Brad Kleiner stated that any potential appeal would not be for the issuing of a red card, it is for the subsequent disciplinary action. Ken said it should be remembered that players have the right to an appeal.

EGU member clubs joined the discussion, the majority stating that if a red card was issued, the player in question should not be eligible to return to competition for the remainder of the tournament.

It was stated this matter is applicable only to EGU-sponsored 7s Tournaments – 15s is a separate matter and will be handled accordingly. Any matter would be subject to further discipline, as decided by the EGU DC.

MOTION

Ken Pape made the following motion; seconded by Robert Mayers: “At all Empire GU-hosted 7s tournaments, any player receiving a red card will be suspended until the Empire GU Disciplinary Committee can convene to review the matter.”

Motion passed 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J.C. Whipple
Administrator