

Player Registration Issues

Warning to clubs, points deduction for unregistered players to be introduced from today

Several times this season clubs have had to be warned about entering unregistered players on the scoresheet in MVL matches. There is a penalty for this offence which the committee have agreed should be the deduction of one point for each breach of the rules.

Chester White Eagles were penalised in this way for an offence on January 6th and a point was deducted from their league table results. Since then, Paul has had occasion to contact three other teams for similar unregistered player offences.

Frodsham Flames - 07/01 - Seren O'Kelly

Chester Black Hawks - 07/01 - Sanskriti Mamgain

LJMU Falcons - 14/01 - Mllad Rahmani, Jude Angelo Jordan Balajadia

In most cases the problem seems to have arisen via a simple spelling error or failure to properly check the information entered on the scoresheet, and in all cases the clubs concerned have made an immediate correction in their player registration listing on the website.

We have discussed this issue in committee and agreed that, because the teams have taken steps to correct the error immediately we should be more lenient, and rather than make an immediate deduction of points, we should issue a warning to these clubs and all other MVL clubs that the points deduction penalty will be applied for any further breaches of this rule.

Since Chester White Eagles also took immediate action to rectify their error it would be unfair to single them out so the committee has agreed to rescind the original decision and restore the point deducted. *Please note this will not happen again and any scoresheet player infringement recorded after this note is issued will automatically incur a point deduction penalty.*

It isn't a difficult or time consuming task to register players for MVL and the system has been deliberately designed to accept registration right up to the start of a match. The entries on the scoresheet and its equivalence to the on-line team list are the only means we have of ensuring that teams play fair, that stronger players aren't brought in for higher pressure matches, and that players aren't appearing for more than one team or club. To enforce this rule the committee is reliant on clubs to take action. We recommend that the scoresheet player list should be checked against MVL registrations before the match and that online photos are checked to ensure that there are no illegal players.

While it might seem a trivial matter to some this form of behaviour can be cheating, we want to be sure that if it happens we can catch it out, and our member clubs are our most effective enforcement tool.

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