

**IN THE MATTER OF**  
**THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION ex parte THE LANCASHIRE FA**

-v-

**MR ASHLEY KIRKMAN**

**REASONS FOR DISCIPLINE COMMISSION DECISION**  
**WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016**

**PARTIES**

The Discipline Commission members were Mr Stephen Elphick, Miss Stacey Payne and Mr Tony Rock. Mr James Sanderson acted as Secretary to the Commission.

**INTRODUCTION**

1. These are written reasons for a Discipline Commission hearing on behalf of The Lancashire FA on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 following one charge raised against Mr Ashley Kirkman arising out of the fixture C.M.B. Sports Club Reserves v Stoneclough Reserves on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2016.
2. By a letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> August 2016 Mr Kirkman was charged as follows:-
  - 1) Under FA Rule E3 – Improper conduct (including foul and abusive language).
  - 2) Under FA Rule E3(2) – Improper conduct – aggravated by a persons Ethnic Origin, Colour, Race, Nationality, Faith, Gender, Sexual Orientation or Disability.
3. The details of the charges are that after a penalty kick was awarded against Stoneclough Reserves Mr Kirkman told the referee to “fuck off” causing him to receive a second yellow card and consequently a red card and dismissal. Mr Kirkman then said to the

referee, a female, that she “needed a good dicking” and after the match had finished he further called the referee a “slapper”.

4. The Commission were informed by email from the Lancashire FA that they had received a plea of guilty from Mr Kirkman. However, the Commission did not receive any further information or mitigation by or on behalf of Mr Kirkman.

### **CONCLUSION**

5. On Mr Kirkman’s own admission the Commission found the charges proven.

### **MITIGATION**

6. The Commission received no mitigation.

### **PREVIOUS MISCONDUCT**

7. The Commission noted the disciplinary record and the lack of any other similar offences.

### **SANCTION**

8. The Commission have taken into account all of the circumstances in this case and the unchallenged account of the referee. The Commission also took into account Mr Kirkman’s previous disciplinary record and the lack of other similar offences. However, the charge is a serious one as it took place not only on the field of play but continued onto the car park after the completion of the match. The Commission finds that for the offences committed Mr Kirkman will receive a 5 match ban, a £75.00 financial penalty and be required to attend an FA Education Course.

9. There is a right to appeal against the decision in accordance with FA Regulations.

**Mr Stephen Elphick (Chairman)**

**Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016**