

Fraser, JT,

As you are aware we are in a delicate position next week with regards to the Alloa fixture in the Shield. Alloa again as you know are a Caley 1 level team and sat quite high last season, based on the physicality of next week's game and our player availability it is in the best interest of the team that we withdraw, my reason are as follows:

We are only allowed to field 19 players in the early stages of the shield which straight away limits our options.

As player welfare & safety is my prime concern the players available primarily the 2xv players are young, very inexperienced and lack the skillset to handle the physicality or competing at the required standard, to that there is also the potential physical injury, the mental block & emotional status that could follow the game ultimately affecting Moray RFC in the future.

The 1XV that are available have the ability to compete but lack experience in certain positions therefore we would again be asking players to step outside their normal position, there is also 2 returning from injury.

A reschedule was spoken about and for us it is not a major problem but for Caley 1 this is a bit more difficult.

Having had a very in depth discussion with the Mark Salter at the SRU, he fully supports my reasons and accepts my concerns.

We would receive a sanction letter of which I would be more than happy to respond to and a request to return the £200 competition fee (at the end of season). The latter I think is immaterial to the emotional and physical impact that the club could face.

We would not be excluded from the cup games next season as initially thought.

My stance is : under no circumstances will I put my name to any team sheet or put any player into a game who I believe is at risk.

I humbly request that you support this decision, whilst not ideal but definitely the best for club & player welfare.

I can contact the SRU with regards to withdrawing on your approval as soon as possible to avoid any unnecessary planning for the opposition

Happy to discuss.

Kindest Regards
Baz Grimwood

Sgt Barry Grimwood



18th September 2017

Reference: CRCC 09. 2017/18

Y. Stuart
Hon Secretary
Moray RFC

Dear Yvonne,

Investigation under NCR 11

BT Caledonia Regional Bowl North – Alloa RFC v Moray RFC on 9th September 2017.

We refer to the above and the written correspondence entered into in relation to same.

The Decision of the Caledonia Regional Competitions Committee is as follows:

Moray RFC was in default in not playing the fixture above.

The complaint having been made out to the extent explained above it is the decision of the Caledonia Regional Competitions Committee that the following Sanction should be applied:

Disqualification from the tournament and forfeiture of full participation money for this tournament.

Moray RFC may have a right to Appeal this decision under NCR 12. If you decide to exercise any right of Appeal you must lodge a full note of your Appeal (conform to NCR 12.7) by no later than **25th September 2017** with the Secretary to the Appeals Panel at the under noted email address and at the same time copy that to us.

Appeal Secretary Richard McGhee: richard.mcghee@sru.org.uk

Failure to lodge and intimate an Appeal timeously will result in the Decision of the Caledonia Regional Competitions Committee coming into effect at midnight on 25th September 2017. No reminder letter will be issued.

Yours sincerely

Mark Salter
Caledonia Regional Competitions Administrator
For and on behalf of Caledonia Regional Competitions Committee