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Barbados Cricket Association (BCA) Release on Disputes Committee Rulings

BRIDGETOWN - The BCA is aware of the public discussion of the outcome and process under which its Complaints and Dispute Committee dealt with issues that arose during its recently concluded Elite and First Division 2026 competitions.

It is the BCA's opinion that many of these comments reflect a lack of knowledge of the competitions' rules and the process for hearing those complaints.

Complaints are referred to a panel from among the Committee members and decision reached as well as the reasons for the decision is sent to the parties involved. The public is informed only of the outcome and any changes to the points resulting from that decision.

The BCA notes that some public comments contain statements that possibly defame members of the Board of Directors, BCA's employees and indeed members of the panels that heard the complaints. The BCA believes that this has necessitated a change in how it reports such decisions.

It must be stressed that when a complaint is received by the BCA's Secretariat, contact is made to ascertain which members of the panel are available to hear the matter. The BCA's rules stipulate that no person hearing the matter can be associated with any of the clubs involved. At no time is the complaint sent to and or discussed with any members of the Board but once the hearing panel has been established, the chair of that panel will discuss with the Secretariat staff what is needed to prepare for the hearing.

It is also crucial that the public understands that protests MUST be filed to the BCA within 24 hours after the game ends. Therefore, the allegation that members of the staff have influenced or suggested that a complaint be filed is just not tenable.

The BCA recognises that in this day of instant communication and the extensive coverage of club cricket over the airwaves, it may be publicly perceived that certain incidents would likely end up before the Disciplinary Committee. However, at that stage the Secretariat is in no position to advise on whether a protest is warranted, as not even the umpire's reports which are submitted to the BCA by the Barbados Cricket Umpires Association (BCUA) have been received.

INCIDENT AT EMPIRE DURING SERIES 2 INTERMEDIATE COMPETITION

This matter was heard by the Committee and recommendations made to the Board and the Clubs concerned. Since the incident involved a minor child, the BCA strongly believes that it will be detrimental to his future to release any details publicly even though the incident went viral over social media.

Release of Decisions

Attached are the decisions of the Committee with respect to the Yorkshire Cricket Club protest vs Carlton Club and the Wildey Cricket Club protest against Windward Cricket Club.

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Report of the Complaints and Disputes Committee with respect to the playing of the First Division Game between Carlton and IGS Insurance Brokers Yorkshire at the Desmond Haynes Oval Black Rock on the 18th 25th and 26th April 2026. Hearing Dates 26th May and June 9th 2026.

26th May 2026

COMMITTEE

Philip Nicholls (Chair)

Carlyle Carter

Mervyn Jones

YORKSHIRE

Akem Nero (President)

Armani Best (Second Vice President)

Both played in the game.

Ms. Mia Doyle Attorney-at-Law (June 9th)

CARLTON

Ikins Clarke (Life Vice President)

Shirley Clarke (Coach)

Renee Butcher (Attorney at Law)

The meeting commenced at 5:15 PM and the Chair asked Yorkshire to outline their protest. The Club stated that their letter of protest dated April 27th 2026 had set out their ground, in that a member of Carlton a Mr. Austin took the field as a substitute on the third day of the game, while he was a declared player for the Carlton Club in their Intermediate game versus Psychiatric Hospital which was played on the same days.

The protest was that the use of the sub was in breach of rule V (b) and (c) of the Playing Conditions which states as follows:

(b) A player shall not be declared to represent more than one (1) team in the Competition. A player declared to play in one (1) Competition or team shall be deemed ineligible to play or substitute in another competition for his club on the same day of the series. Exception to this shall be the players of the Barbados Youth and Ladies (IWP) players under the strict provisions of clause 8.1 (f) of the BCA Special Conditions and Match Schedule document.

(c) A player who has been declared to play or substitute for his team in any of the five (5) Competitions can only play or substitute for that team on that day or series. In the event a player breaches this stipulation, the second team for which he plays or acts as a substitute shall forfeit the match and any points already earned in the match, and the opposing shall be awarded full match points. Exception to this shall be the players of the Barbados Youth and Ladies (IWP) players under the strict provisions of clause 8.1(f) of the BCA Special Conditions and Match Schedule Document.

In response, Carlton confirmed that a substitute was used but queried which of the rules of the BCA were being used to govern these proceedings. The Club referred to its letter of May 13, 2026 seeking clarification of this and indicated the Club had not received a response to date.

Mr. Rene Butcher, Attorney-at-Law representing the Club along with Mr. Ikins Clarke and Mr. Shirley Clarke made some procedural arguments as follows:

* He was not sure which rules were governing the matter as no reply had been made by Mr. Coppin to the Club. I responded that the BCA Act of 1933 and Rules enacted thereunder by the General Body is the principal legislation that Governs the Association. In addition and particularly with respect to playing of Games both the 2026 Playing Conditions and the Special Conditions are applicable.

* He contended that as there had been no response to the Club's letter the Club was not sure what it had to respond to and in light of the sanctions available, which provide for no appeal, it was at a disadvantage to proceed.

* After further exchanges during which Mr. Butcher made a comparison of Section 18 C and D in particular with case management rules of the Court I stated while

the Committee is bound by rules of law it is not a law Court and the procedure is far more relaxed At hearings parties question each others witnesses and make any submissions at the end. No list of witnesses are produced before and in this case his concern re establishing what happened is not merited as the two representatives of Yorkshire played in the game To my question as to whether Carlton is disputing the allegations that there was a sub on the field he said no.

* With respect to Section 18 C dealing with the composition of the panel Mr. Carter asked whether Carlton is dissatisfied with the panel as no complaint was made when it was introduced. All three said they were not but Mr. Butcher contended that this was one reason he viewed this meeting as preliminary. In response the Chair stated most meetings lasted one session but like in Court the Committee is prepared to adjourn until next week.

The Chair stated that Yorkshire had put their case in a minute that a player had taken the field contrary to the rules and it was a simple yes or no. He contended the Club may wish to state why it occurred and I said no one will prevent you.

* Mr. Butcher also indicated they had not seen the Umpires reports and the Chair gave Carlton all documents received from the BCA. The matter was adjourned until the following week.

9th June 2026

The meeting reconvened having been adjourned on the 26th May until the 4th June but on news of the untimely death of a Carlton member. It was further adjourned.

The only addition to those present on the previous occasion was Ms. Mia Doyle, Attorney at Law who was representing Yorkshire.

Carlton presented their defence having received confirmation from the BCA as to the rules that were applicable. The Club admitted that a member of the Club who was playing in another division had acted as substitute after his game had finished. Mr. Butcher stated that the Club was of the view that his participation was not material to the result of the game and pointed out that there was great difficulty in the Clubs having persons available to act as subs and for thus reason the Club had fielded with only ten men for the majority of the first session.

Yorkshire disagreed that the sub did not have a material effect on play but argued it was immaterial as the rule stated use of such a sub is contrary to the rules and shall

1) Cause any such club to forfeit the match in respect of which any such violation occurred;
2) Disqualify any such Club competing in any or all of the competitions.

The Meeting ended and the Committee retired to consider its decision.

The Committee unanimously agreed that the rules are clear that once there is a breach of rule 4 that the offending club has forfeited the later of the games in which the offence took place. As such the Committee is of the view that the points to be awarded are Yorkshire 16, in accordance with Rule V c that states that Full Match Points (12) shall be awarded and the 4 bowling points and Carlton 0. As in accordance with the rule it Forfeits any points earned.

The Committee is of the view that the rule V (b) and (c) dealing with substitutes needs to be addressed urgently in light of the understandable difficulties Clubs face in having the requisite number of subs by removing any restriction on a substitute who is playing in another game from fielding as a substitute cannot bowl or field.

In light of the request by Carlton the matter is placed before the Board to determine whether any leniency can be provided in accordance with 14 C.

Yorkshire is to be refunded their Protest fee.

Dated the 18th day of June, 2026

Carlyle Carter

Mervyn Jones

Chairman

Report of the Complaints and Disputes Committee into a complaint by Wildey Sports and Cultural Club into the playing of the seventh Series Elite Game against Windward Cricket Club played at Dash Valley on the 13, 14 and 20 June 2026. Hearing date July 15, 2026.

Committee

Philip Nicholls (Chair)

Carlyle Carter

Mervyn Jones

Wildey

Mark Estwick - President

Dale Callender - Vice President

Windward

Andrew Lythcott - President

Tennyson Roach - Cricket Captain

Allan Branch - Cricket Development Chairman

Chad Williams - Selector

Jaydon Roberts - Player

Michelle Fergusson - Manager

The Chair introduced the Committee and asked whether there was an objection to any of the panel who were hearing the matter. There was none. He then requested Wildey to present their complaint. Mr. Estwick stated that it was as their letter of complaint stated that Windward had played, during the match with Wildey, a player Mr. Kyle Ramdoo who contravened section 5(f) of the Special conditions, which provides:

"Any club or school which nominates a player who has not been registered shall forfeit any games in which that player participated whilst he was not registered or whilst he was ineligible. In such cases the opposing team shall be awarded full match points."

Wildey rested their case and Windward were requested to respond. The President made the first response and he stated that the Club had registered the player in question but when this had come to his attention, he had come to the BCA office and deregistered him. He stated that the reason for this was that the player was not a member of the Club.

In a lengthy statement re what had transpired at the Club he stated that the player had arrived in the island on Thursday 11 June 2026 but there was not enough time for a vote to admit him to membership before the game on the 13th. . The Executive of the Club had met on Friday 12, June 2026 in the am and determined that he was not eligible for selection to the team as he was not a member of the Club and hence his actions. In response to the chair as to whether the captain had been informed of this, he indicated that the captain was part of the meeting when this was determined.

Mr. Lythcott spoke extensively about the process for electing members to the Club and the timeframe that such an election could take place. He concluded that given the time Ramdoo had arrived in the island he could not have become a member of the Club.

The other members of the Club spoke animatedly about what had occurred re the deregistration of the player. It was clear that the playing side of the Club did not agree with the decision and placed the blame for what had transpired as the President whom in their view was the person who advised Wildey that he had deregistered the player.

In response Wildey stated that the issues raised by Windward were internal matters that should not concern this committee and the issue was that they selected a player who was not registered and even if he was ,the President of the Club had admitted he was not a member of the Club and further, that the Club had failed to advise the BCA of their intention to play a non-national in their team.

The meeting ended and the committee retired to consider its decision. The discussion centered on the obvious turmoil that was in existence at Windward a Club that had

been in existence for over One Hundred Years. The Committee is referring this situation to the BCA with a recommendation that it meet with the Club either as a Board or a committee appointed from members of the Association to see if some reconciliation can be reached between the different views in the Club which clearly precipitated this issue. It was clear that the playing side felt that they needed the player while the Executive of the Club was insistent that the process of admitting someone to membership must be followed.

That said the Committee was of the view that it did not have to determine the question of whether the deregistration of the player was known by the captain of the team when he nominated his players. Windward had clearly admitted to breach of Rule 8.1 A of the Special Conditions which provide that **Only bona fide members of Clubs may be registered to take part in any competition….** As such, whether he was registered or deregistered at the time of nomination of the teams is moot that rule has been breached.

In accordance with rule 5(f) Wildey are awarded full Match points.

Wildey 12 plus the earned 4 Bowling and 4 Batting points -20 points

Windward 0 points.

The Complaints fee shall be refunded to Wildey.

Dated the 17th day of July, 2026

Chair

Carlyle Carter

Mervyn Jones