



TO: All Clubs and Stewards

FROM: The Chief Executive

DATE: 1 March 2025

A Hurlingham Polo Association (“**HPA**”) Disciplinary Hearing into Misconduct on the part of Mr Diego Giagante (“**Mr Giagante**”) was held via video on 27 February 2025.

The Members of the Board were:

Andrew Barlow – Chairman
Tae Ormerod
Ed Whitechurch

Particulars of charge (the “Charge”):

On 12 February 2025, Mr Giagante was charged with Misconduct under Part 3 of the Disciplinary Procedures of the HPA Rules and Regulations 2024 (the “**HPA Rules**”) following a contravention of Rule 2.4 (j)(i) and Rule 2.2 (x) of Part 2 of the HPA Rules together with a breach of the HPA's general membership requirements set out at Rule 1 of Annex A to Part 2 of the HPA Rules.

The Charge related to:

- i) a positive test for the possible presence of a BEVA approved medication without a proper explanation upon investigation by the HPA,
- ii) a lack of co-operation with the HPA, and
- iii) playing a pony whilst it was suspended.

Mr Giagante pleaded guilty to the Charge, which was accepted by the Board.

The Board imposed a penalty of £1,000 together with a two-week suspension already served to reflect Mr Giagante’s openness with the Board and his acceptance of responsibility for the breaches.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive

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