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**TO: All Clubs and Stewards**

**FROM: The Chief Executive**

**DATE: 25 September 2026**

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### **NOTICE OF A RESULT OF A DISCIPLINARY SANCTION MEETING**

A Hurlingham Polo Association (“HPA”) Sanction Meeting was held via video on Thursday 24 September in relation to a Club Disciplinary Hearing held by Toulston Polo Club on 11 August. At the club hearing Francisco Stiven Ortelli (“**Mr Ortelli**”) was found guilty of misconduct within the meaning of Part 3 Rules Part 1.m of the Hurlingham Polo Association (“the HPA”), namely that his conduct was prejudicial to the interests and good order or reputation of the HPA or the game of polo in that he acted without care, empathy, respect and consideration towards one of his ponies whilst at Toulson Polo Ground on 11th July 2026 which is not in accordance with Part 2 Rule 2.4a which states ‘*owners must take all responsibility to ensure the welfare of their ponies*’. The Club Board referred the case to the HPA for determination of the penalty.

The Members of the Board were:

Tae Ormerod – Chair  
Nick Evans  
Rob Cudmore

The Board suspended Mr Ortelli from playing in the UK for three-months to commence with immediate effect and run until the end of 2026. They advised that this verdict and sanction would remain on Mr Ortelli’s record and should he be found guilty of any further offences any sanction would be more severe. They asked Mr Ortelli to undertake additional training of his grooms to ensure that they understood that the welfare of the horses was paramount.

Yours sincerely

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**Chief Executive**

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