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**TO:** All Clubs and Stewards

**FROM:** The Chief Executive

**DATE:** 27 June 2024

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**NOTICE OF A RESULT OF A DISCIPLINARY HEARING**

A Hurlingham Polo Association (“HPA”) Disciplinary Hearing into alleged misconduct on the part of Mr Garvy Beh, Mr George Meyrick and Mr Jaime Huidobro (the “Parties”) was held on 26 June 2024 via video.

The Members of the Board were:

Mr Andrew Barlow – Chairman  
Mr Tim Brown  
Mr Stephen Hutchinson

**Particulars of Charge:**

The Parties were each charged separately with Misconduct within the meaning of Part 1 of the Hurlingham Polo Association Rules and Regulations 2024, Rule 35(f), following a decision to leave the field of play and refusal to play the rest of a league game at Guards Polo Club on Thursday 6 June 2024 and that such conduct was prejudicial to the interests and good order or reputation of the HPA and the game of polo.

Rule 34(f) states as follows:

*“refusing to continue to play or leaving the field of play during the course of a chukka without the permission of the umpires except to change a pony or a stick or for a legitimate run off will be deemed be unsportsmanlike conduct.”*

As the charges were the same for the three individuals on the same team, the Parties agreed for them to be heard as a group and they were each were present at the Disciplinary Hearing.

**The Board found the Parties not guilty.**

The Board supported the reasoning for the charges being brought by the HPA Prosecuting Officer, namely that leaving the field of play and refusal to play the rest of a game constitutes Misconduct in ordinary circumstances, and that bringing charges of Misconduct were a legitimate and correct course of action.



However, the Board accepted the Parties' defence as described in the match officials' report, namely that after a Red Flag had been awarded to the patron James Beh in the second chukka for extremely bad language and aggressive behaviour, they had wanted to continue but were refused permission by James Beh to use his horses for the rest of the game. The Board was satisfied that the Parties were all using Mr Beh's and not their own horses, and were unable to return to the field as they had wished.

Given the specific circumstances as outlined above, the charges of Misconduct against the Parties were therefore not upheld and the cases were dismissed.

A charge against Mr James Beh is still pending.

Yours faithfully

**Anna Hall**  
**Chief Executive**