

Shenley Village Appeal Panel - September 2019

The Appeal Panel met prior to the start of the hearing to establish the background to the issue and to assess our individual understanding of the facts. The initial view was that there was ambiguity in the rules relating to categorisation of players between the Home Office, the ECB and the Herts Cricket League. The Appeal Panel also agreed that the matter had the potential for those involved to go around in circles with argument and counter argument.

The discussions with Shenley Village CC (SVCC) representatives commenced at 19.35 hours and concluded at 20.15 hours.

No other new evidence /facts was/were presented to the Appeal Panel.

A full review of the dates, facts and email correspondence was conducted and discussed.

The conclusions were:

1. That SVCC had been proactive in their discussions with the Hertfordshire Cricket League about the categorisation of Kiel van Vollenhoven well in advance of the 2019 League season.
2. That errors had been made by both SVCC and officers of the Hertfordshire Cricket League in the categorisation of Kiel van Vollenhoven.
3. That SVCC had not sought or intended to “camouflage” the categorisation of Kiel van Vollenhoven or misrepresent his status to the League.
4. That categorisation of Kiel van Vollenhoven as a Cat 3E player was displayed on the League website well in advance of the commencement of the 2019 season.
5. That SVCC should NOT be penalised retrospectively under League rules relating to Premier clubs or non-Premier clubs, primarily as League Registration officers were complicit in any unintended error that was made.
6. That the complaint about Kiel van Vollenhoven’s categorisation, some weeks into the season, was opportunistic.
7. That League rules covering categorisation of players throughout the Hertfordshire League should be reviewed, revised and brought into line with Home Office and ECB regulations to avoid confusion in future.

In conclusion, a line should now be drawn under this particular matter.

The Appeal Panel

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