



Disciplinary Committee Report 2022

The current disciplinary committee line up is Arun Singh, Emma Goodwin, Kimberley Cowell, Phil Guise and is chaired by Bryn Evans. This report covers the whole of 2021 up to May 1st 2022.

As a reminder, from 2019 all anti-doping cases including results management and sanctions are now dealt with by the IPF. The majority of cases dealt with by the DC relate to the conduct of individual members and/or breaches of rules/by-laws.

In January 2021 a member was issued a written warning for posts on social media regarding another member, this was upheld at appeal.

In July 2021 there was an allegation of 3 Bylaw breaches by a member, the DC found no case to answer but advised the social media post be taken down by its author.

In September 2021 we received a complaint regarding the disparity of awards at the combined Classic British Senior Championships between the Male and Female categories, we advised that the organisers checklist be updated to reflect a requirement for equal awards at championships where both sexes are competing.

In September 2021 we upheld a complaint from a member against a board member for a pattern of unreasonable behaviour. The DC offered advice on his future decision making.

In October 2021 a divisional officer was issued a warning for inappropriate social media posts as per by-law 15.5, this was initially upheld on appeal with the sanction being reduced, however was then overturned on a technicality after the event.

I'd like to thank the DC for their time and thoroughness in considering these cases.

There are a couple of closing points I'd just like to bring up, please consider the impact of offensive posts online and the association people may make between British Powerlifting and the wider sport.

Perhaps more worryingly there have been reports of people acting in a coaching capacity (not necessarily officials) who have been behaving inappropriately. Unfortunately, this has not resulted in an official complaint, however we'd like to reassure members that such complaints would be treated confidentially and sensitively. Nobody should feel afraid of coming forward where vulnerable people are being put at risk.

Bryn Evans

Chairman Disciplinary Committee