

A special meeting between representatives of the North of Scotland Cricket Association (NoSCA) and Forres St Lawrence Cricket Club (FSLCC) was held in Nairn Community Centre on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August. The meeting was called to seek a resolution to the events surrounding the Cricket Scotland Men's 10k Challenge Cup match between Leith FAB and FSLCC played in Edinburgh on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

Those present at the meeting were:-

Mike Roberts – FSLCC Chair  
Carolyn Farr – FSLCC Secretary & Scorer  
Nigel Gerrard – FSLCC Treasurer  
Pal Dhami – FSLCC Captain  
Gus Farr – FSLCC Player  
Jerry Bishop – NoSCA President  
Mike Fox – NoSCA Disciplinary Committee Member

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During the meeting representatives of FSLCC answered a number of questions previously advised to them by NoSCA. In the process of answering these questions **Carolyn Farr**, along with Nigel Gerrard, accepted 'full responsibility' for the events leading to:

- Two former players (father and son, Neil & Tommy McGrath, now of Galloway CC) appearing for FSLCC despite being clearly ineligible under competition rules 8 (a) and 8 (c), and
- false surnames (MacPherson) being used for these players on the team sheet given to the ESCOA appointed officials before the game, and
- the same false names being used in the scorebook of both teams, and
- the same false names being used on the subsequent match return submitted to the competition organisers (Cricket Scotland).

In the opinion of the NoSCA representatives, Mrs Farr also failed to satisfactorily explain why the eligibility infringements and the use of false names had not been reported to the competition organisers after each subsequent victory in the competition, despite admitting to 'some uncertainty' about the eligibility of the two players on the day and the competition rules being clearly available for download via the competition website.

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In light of the above admission, the NoSCA Committee found Mrs Farr to have acted in a manner 'contrary to the spirit of the game'. Mrs Farr accepted a Cricket Scotland Code of Conduct Level 3.4 (a) charge to this effect, with the penalty being a ban from officiating in all cricket for the next **SIX** FSLCC 1<sup>st</sup> XI competitive matches taking affect from midnight on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018.

However, in view of this being a first offence, **TWO** matches of the ban are suspended for one year, although this 2 week suspension will be immediately revoked and additional penalties for the new offence may be applied if Mrs Farr is found guilty of any further disciplinary offence in any form of cricket before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019.