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## **Re: Disciplinary Hearing**

This letter is follow up to the incident that occurred April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 where a water bottle was tossed onto the ice hitting an official in the back. This incident occurred directly following the Rice Rockets overtime loss to the Plugs in game one of the final series.

This incident was first reported to the League executive on Friday April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Unfortunately, the offender could not be identified at the time of the incident and no one admitted to the infraction. Therefore no suspension could be implemented at the time. Upon further investigation the offender was identified and a hearing process by the League Executive has occurred.

With full support of the team reps and the League executive a decision has been made that we feel supports the officials of the RIHL. The League has implemented a 5 game suspension effective the first game of next season to the offending player.

The R.I.H.L. will not tolerate these kinds of actions toward its officials. We hope that this decision accurately reflects our support of our officials. The League would also like to take this opportunity to recognize the successful season we just completed. The success of the League was directly related to the commitment and dedication of our referee's and we hope to see you all back next season.

On behalf of the RIHL,

Ken Mattice, Disciplinary Chairman

Brad Swanson, Rep from Blackhawks

Derek Lacroix, Rep from Plugs

Doug Collins, League President

Derek May, Rep from Cowboys

Brad Miller, Rep from Rockets Don Taylor, Vice President

Emeet Duhra, Rep from Maroons