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Dear All,

I hope you're all well, enjoying some downtime over the summer and were able to enjoy the Olympics.

I am writing to thank you all for your invaluable contributions to the Regulation 19 review process which took place last season. Your insights and feedback have been instrumental in shaping the new regulations, ensuring they are accurate, fit for purpose and easily understood.

I am pleased to inform you that the updated regulations are now available on the England Rugby website here: https://www.englandrugby.com/run/rules-governance/rfu-rules-and-regulations/regulation-19-discipline

You will no doubt have also seen that the Disicpline page of the website has also been updated. We're aware that there are still some forms and documents to be added and will be trying to get these back on the website in the next week or two. If you have need for any forms in the meantime, please let us know. We've attached the key forms (updated with the new regulation references) to this email.

Enclosed with this letter, you will find a summary of the key changes to Regulation 19, as well as a copy of the feedback which we received from the Game and the responses to it (set out in green for ease of reference). That form is available to view online here.

We will also be providing a link to a comparison document which shows the old regulation compared to the new text. This will also follow in the next week or two.

Additionally, we will be conducting a series of training events across the country to help familiarise everyone with the new regulations. The training events are scheduled as follows and will all run from 7-9pm at the following venues:

Wednesday, 4 September - Taunton RFC

Thursday, 5 September - Birmingham Moseley RFC

Monday, 9 September - Reading RFC

Wednesday, 11 September - Horsham RFC

Wednesday, 18 September - Darlington Mowden Park RFC

Thursday, 19 September - Kendal RFC

Wednesday, 25 September - Shelford RFC

Thursday, 26 September - Ossett RFC

These sessions are an excellent opportunity for us to discuss the changes in detail and address any questions or concerns you might have. We strongly encourage as many as possible to attend from both the CB and Clubs.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and dedication to maintaining the highest standards of discipline within our sport.

Best regards,

David Barnes

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