

# Disputes Resolution Authority

An Córas Eadrána

An application to the DRA by Mr Cathal Dúnbara of Naomh Eanna GAA, challenging the decision of the Wexford Hearings Committee to impose a minimum fixed penalty of a one match suspension for an infraction of *Behaving in any way which is dangerous to an opponent, including deliberately pulling on or taking hold of a faceguard or any part of an opponent's helmet (in hurling)*. (Riail 7.2 (b) Cat III (iv) T.O 2018) arising out of an incident which occurred during the Wexford Senior Hurling Championship semi-final between Olygate/Glenbrien and Naomh Eanna on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018, which said decision had been upheld by the Leinster Hearings Committee on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018, was upheld by a DRA Tribunal following a hearing in Dublin tonight, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

The DRA Tribunal (Mr Aaron Shearer BL, Mr. Michael Murray BL, solicitor and Mr Paraic Duffy) quashed both the decision of Wexford Hearings Committee and Leinster Hearings Committee.

Thereafter, all parties consented to the Tribunal hearing the case pursuant to its jurisdiction under Section 11.4 of the DRA Code, whereby it acts as an appellate body of last resort. Having considered the matter, the Tribunal held that it should seek a clarification from the referee. Pending receipt of the clarification and of its decision in respect of the matter, the Tribunal held that Mr Dunbara should stand not suspended.

This statement is for information purposes only. The Tribunal's full reasoned, written award will be communicated to the parties and published on the DRA website in due course.

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