Form 1 Complaint

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**COMPLAINT**

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| COMPLAINANT DETAILS | | | | | |  |  | |  |
| Name | | | Paul Clapp | | |  | Club | Ingle Farm | |
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| ACCUSED PLAYER’S DETAILS | | | | | |  |  | |  |
| Name | | | Chris Adam | | |  | Club | Ingle Farm | |
| PARTICULARS OF COMPLAINT | | | | | |  |  | |  |
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| MATCH DETAILS | | | | | |  |  | |  |
| Date of Match | | | | | 3 May 2016 |  | Venue | Ingle Farm | |
| DECLARATION BY COMPLAINANT: | | | | | |  |  | |  |
|  | 1. | I declare that the Particulars of Complaint set out on Page 2 have been properly completed in accordance with the Explanatory Notes set out at the end of this Complaint | | | | | | | |
|  | 2. | I acknowledge that I am required to attend the hearing of the complaint, if the complaint be referred to the Disciplinary Tribunal. | | | | | | | |
|  | 3. | I also acknowledge that, if I wish to call a witness to support my complaint, such witness must complete a Witness Statement containing the particulars required by Form 3, and such witness must attend the hearing of the complaint. | | | | | | | |

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| Date |  |
| Signature of Complainant | |  |

(May print name here if this Complaint is an attachment to an Email)

Note: The phone and email details of the complainant shall not be disclosed to any person other than the Pennant Registrar and members of the Tribunal.

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**PARTICULARS OF COMPLAINT**

I would like to lodge a formal complaint against Chris Adam. During the match, between Chris and Ruben Lafferte (my son), in the third game Chris deliberately rammed Ruben during a point. Ruben was at the top of the ‘T’ and the ball was travelling down the wall on the right hand side. Chris was behind and left of Ruben during this shot. Chris then ran through Ruben before calling let. The collision sent Ruben stumbling across to the other side of the court. Jason Moffatt was refereeing the match and immediately forfeited the game to Ruben. Chris was already on his last player conduct warning after continually wasting time and arguing with the referee over a point. I was sitting at the tables downstairs and didn’t see the incident take place. Chris came off the court and started grumbling about Ruben and Jason being cheats and Jason was being biased in his refereeing (I know from playing against Ruben’s team, Ingle farm Red, that Jason is always a very fair and reliable referee and is unbiased in all his decisions). I kept quiet as not to rev Chris up more. It was only after Chris won the match that I found out about the incident by talking to Ruben and Jason. Even Nathaniel Chang admitted that Chris had rammed Ruben. From the very start of the match he was continually wasting time and attempting to agitate Ruben. At one point Ruben knocked the ball away out of frustration after losing a point, which Ruben admitted was the wrong thing to do.

Chris is a very aggressive player and always plays aggressive and physical when playing anybody, even Junior players. He uses his size to push players around and when he starts loosing he gets more aggressive. Even the top state players don’t play this way. We all play with respect for each other and yes accidental bumps are unavoidable but they don’t send another player stumbling or rolling across the other side of the court. Chris’ actions were unwarranted and shouldn’t be tolerated on the court. The fact he did this to a Junior player is not on. Ruben is very upset by the incident to the point where he does not want to play Chris again.

I am now fearful for anyone that plays against Chris because of his aggression and would rather forfeit the whole match then have our number 2 and Yellow team captain Vaughan Schroeder play against Chris. Ruben was able to keep his balance but has earnt a sore back and neck from the incident. If he is still sore or worse in the morning we will be taking him to the doctor or if it gets worse during the night I will call a locum out.

I took Ruben home after the match to try and avoid any further confrontation. While we were in the carpark, Jason Moffatt walked out as well and Chris followed Jason out of the Rec Centre and proceeded to mouth off at Jason, about his refereeing, while he was walking to his car. Ruben told Chris to shutup and leave Jason alone. Chris came over to us and kept trying to tell me that he (Chris) was in the right. I pointed out that you don’t intentionally run through players especially Juniors. Chris kept trying to aggravate Ruben over some of the points and decisions from the match so I told Ruben to get in the car, which he did, and I then told Chris to go and walk his anger off. At that stage I turned my back on him and left so not to make the situation worse.

This kind of behaviour has no place in Squash and is very un-sportsman like. This goes against why we play in the Div 3 comp. It is very social division and let’s face it, we aren’t playing for sheep stations. We also have many Juniors playing in this division and it’s not a good image to be portraying to the young up and comers. These kids play really well and are very competitive but play with the highest respect and regard for the other players. It’s not squash for another adult player to run through a Junior player, or any one for that matter. Bumps are sometimes unavoidable but I know that the rest of the Div 3 players all try and avoid them. If a bump happens to occur then an instant apology and welfare check is given, even a quick handshake is thrown in sometimes. None of this was offered by Chris when he rammed (not bumped) Ruben.

I am by far not the greatest or smallest player in Div 3 but have a high respect for all the other players. I play for fitness and fun, and always try to avoid any contact with another player. To hear of this incident, it has upset me that someone would deliberately ram another player, especially a Junior. Once again this kind of behaviour is not what squash is about. Also for Ruben to come out and say he doesn’t want to play against Chris again is a big deal. Ruben loves playing squash and always follows the rules and code of conduct when playing.

I hope that you will investigate this incident thoroughly and deal with it accordingly. This incident has left both myself and Ruben very upset that someone would deliberately try and take someone else out.