

## EASB STATEMENT - Joshua Thomond

After a hearing before the EASB Disciplinary Committee that took place on 31st January 2018, Joshua Thomond admitted to a breach of 4.6 of the EASB Standard Terms and Conditions.

- 4.6 Any player found to be bringing the EASB into disrepute via comments on social networking sites or other media outlets, or verbally at events organised by EASB, may be subject to disciplinary action.

On 20th November 2017, Mr Thomond had made a post on the Social Media site Facebook, which was extremely derogatory towards both the Association, and its Director's. This post was deemed serious enough to lead to a temporary suspension of Mr Thomond's membership, and his suspension from the English Amateur Snooker Championship regional qualifiers.

During the hearing, Mr Thomond was charged with misconduct as per the EASB Disciplinary Procedure 3.2 (c)

- 3.2 (c) actions which are considered to bring the Association into disrepute, either within or without competitions/functions arranged by the Association.

Mr Thomond made an early admittance of the event, and fully explained his reasons behind the post. He also made both a written and verbal apology to the Association for his actions.

In taking into account the temporary suspension he had already received, including the suspension from the English Amateur Championships, the disciplinary panel imposed the following sanction:

Mr Joshua Thomond will receive a 12 month ban from membership and competition eligibility. This ban will be suspended for 12 months from today's date, and run until 31st January 2019. Mr Thomond was also ordered to pay £100 towards the costs of the hearing, and that was also suspended for 12 months.

The EASB would like to make it clear that as an organisation that relies on volunteers to keep it running, any personal abuse aimed at anyone involved within the Association, or towards the Association itself, will not be tolerated.