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CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee Renders Decisions on Club Tijuana Champions League Case

MIAMI, FL (Thursday, April 17, 2014) - The Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Association Football (CONCACAF) announced today that its Disciplinary Committee has levied fines on Mexican club Club Tijuana, and suspended defender Hernan Pellerano and Coach Cesar Farias for their roles in an altercation following the CONCACAF Champions League semifinal return match on Wednesday, April 9 at the Estadio Azul in Mexico City.

Club Tijuana was fined an undisclosed amount for the incident, which took place following the final whistle of the return leg of the semifinal match between the two clubs, from which Cruz Azul ultimately emerged victorious by a 2-1 aggregate score line. Disciplinary action against Cruz Azul was announced Tuesday.

Club Tijuana's Pellerano was issued a red card after the conclusion of the match, for having breached Article 48 par. (e) of the FIFA Disciplinary Code, for spitting at an opponent. Therefore and in accordance with Article 77 of the FIFA Disciplinary Code, he has received an additional five-game suspension on top of the one-game ban automatically assessed for the red card.

The CONCACAF Disciplinary Committee applied further sanctions to Club Tijuana Coach Cesar Farias, who is regarded as having breached Article 50 of the FIFA Disciplinary Code – pertaining to participation in a brawl -- for his incendiary role in the post-match skirmish and thus has been handed a two-match suspension from CONCACAF Champions League matches.

The bans for Pellerano and Farias will be assessed in any future CONCACAF club competitions in which the player or coach takes part, respectively.

Furthermore, Club Tijuana is regarded as having breached art. 2.3 of the CONCACAF Champions League Team Media Guidelines, specifically for players refusing to attend mandatory post-game media opportunities, therefore has been sanctioned in accordance with Article 6.2 of the CONCACAF Champions League Regulations and Articles 14 and 15 of the FIFA Disciplinary Code.

With the aggregate loss to Cruz Azul, Club Tijuana was eliminated from the 2013-14 Champions League at the semifinal stage.