

Chelsea sets the standard for others to follow.

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In the last week Romanian footballer Adrian Mutu finally realized the stupidity and complete lack of responsibility on his part in consuming cocaine, which is a banned drug. Fired rightly by Chelsea football club in 2004 just a year after joining the famous club after he tested positive with cocaine in his body was the first part, but Chelsea rightly went further and fined Mutu what is described as a record 17,173.990 Euro for bringing the club into disrepute.

Mutu appealed the fine to the decision to the court of arbitration for sport that has in the last week upheld the full Chelsea decision and this now sets a standard for all sportsmen and sportswomen to be aware of in the future.

Mutu claimed that his offence did not warrant such a huge fine and claimed it was inhumane to fine him such an amount, but I beg to differ with him as he like all sports stars are for hundreds of thousands of young people all over the World role models and should set good examples to the young people who idolize them, plus Mutu should have respected the laws of England which forbid the taking of drugs as in fact do the laws of his own Country Romania!

I am in Romania and am saddened that the Minister for Sport and Young People failed to applaud this standard set by Chelsea football club as within Romania there seems to be displaced support for Mutu as he is a Romanian international team player who played in the 2008 Euro championship.

Cocaine is a drug that directly affects the brains nervous system, causes euphoria, affects weight, causes depression and deliriousness, plus heightens the risks of suicide amongst its illegal consumers. Many thousands of young people are taken ill by the consumption of this drug which like all drugs banned is illegal because they damage one health and for a sports star to take such a drug shows a lack of respect to not only his own body, his family, his football club that employs him, but also to the young people who pay to see him play football. In all respects the fine set by Chelsea and upheld by the Court of arbitration for sport is the correct one in this case and other football clubs, plus sporting clubs including athletic clubs around the World should also set this as a minimum standard for drug takers in sport, so that sport can be cleared of illegal drug takers that set very poor examples to their supporters of whom many are young people.

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