

General Purposes Tribunal Procedures 2016

The following procedures will be used by the General Purposes Tribunal (GPT) during the 2016 football season.

They should be read in conjunction with the SGFA By-laws (2016) and the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

Any matter deemed outside the jurisdiction of the GPT will be referred to the Judiciary Committee if appropriate, or otherwise to the SGFA Board: **By-law Part 4B 12.d.**

Any matter not covered by the SGFA By-laws will be subject to the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

- The SGFA (GM &/or Judiciary) will refer to the GPT reports prepared by referees relating to incidents relating to persons referred to in **By-law Part 4B 12.a.**
- The SGFA (GM &/or Judiciary) will refer to the GPT reports prepared by any member of the SGFA or affiliated club relating to events witnessed which in their opinion is in contravention of the SGFA Constitution or By-Laws.
- The GPT may request additional reports/ evidence be provided.
- The GPT will determine whether there is a prima facie case to answer.
- A person with a case to answer will be advised of the charge made against them and provided with a copy of all relevant incident reports and afforded the opportunity to present their case. A person may request in writing to have their case heard in their absence.
- All players and club officials requested to attend the GPT will be notified by either a Notification to Attend Form or in the GPT Minutes or otherwise in writing.
- Persons notified to attend will be required to complete an Attendance Sheet on their arrival at the GPT and submit it to the Tribunal when called.
- Failure of persons requested to appear may result in suspensions until they appear as per **By-law 4B. 15g & 15h.**
- Failure of a party to appear when requested to appear, will result in that party forfeiting their right of appeal.
- Punishment for proven offences will be as per the provisions contained under **By-law 4B. 16. PENALTIES (Schedule C)**

Abandoned Matches

All Clubs are reminded of the requirement to lodge written reports on the Monday following an abandoned match. **By-law 3.7**

Appeals

- Appeals are to be based on the following grounds only;
 - Failure to afford procedural fairness
 - Lack of jurisdiction
 - Insufficient evidence
 - Incorrect interpretation of By-laws
 - Severity of sentence (except minimum sentence)
- Appeals must be lodged within seven (7) days of the publication of the GPT decision
- Appeals will be heard with twenty-one (21) days of being lodged provided an Appeals Committee can be formed.

This document provides a summary and guide. Its contents do not take priority over the By-Laws and Constitution.

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