

Judiciary Procedures 2016

The following procedures will be used by the Judiciary Committee (JC) during the 2016 football season.

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

Any person (player, RTO, Coach, Club Official and spectator) participating in the SGFA 2016 football season may be requested to appear before and be dealt with by the JC.

Some matters, deemed as being of a serious nature, will be referred to the General Purposes Tribunal (GPT) for determination.

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

Players Sent-off

Players will be sent-off for any of the following seven offences;

Code	Description
R1	Serious Foul Play
R2	Violent Conduct
R3	Spitting at an opponent or any other person
R4	Denying the opposing team a goal or goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goal-keeper within his own penalty area)
R5	Denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free-kick or a penalty kick.
R6	Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures
R7	Receiving a second caution in the same match

Punishment for proven offences will be as per the provisions contained in the **By-laws, Schedule B- judiciary Committee Sanctions.**

For Send-off Codes R4, R5 & R7 the automatic 1 Match suspension is deemed sufficient penalty.

Attendance at Judiciary Committee (JC)

- Players may be required to attend the JC, depending on the severity of the offence, as determined by the JC.
- Players and registered officials (Coaches, RTOs & Club Officials) who are the subject of minor Incident Reports may be required to attend the Judiciary Committee when instructed to do so.



- Persons required to attend will be notified, via the Minutes of the Judiciary Committee, of the charge and/or enquiry and will receive a copy of the Incident Report.
- Persons notified to attend will be required to complete the Attendance Sheet on their arrival at the JC and submit it to the Committee when called.
- Failure to attend at the required date and time will result in the person being suspended until they attend, and may result in the case being heard in their absence.
- For incidents of a minor nature players will not be required to attend the JC. The JC will determine the punishment on the evidence presented. Players can submit, once notified that their attendance is not required, written evidence in support of their case.
- Players required to attend the JC, can also submit written evidence, in lieu of appearing, to support of their case.

Appeals

- There will be no appeal against minimum sentences. (FNSW Ruling)
- Players may appeal any suspension, greater than the minimum, advising of the grounds for the appeal using only the criteria as set out below;
 - 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 Judiciary Minutes
- Appeals will be heard with twenty-one (21) days of being lodged.

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