



Gridiron NSW Inc.

Judiciary Procedure



This procedure is to be followed as well as practical; however variations of it are acceptable in appropriate situations.

1. Incident reports will be submitted to GNSW by officials, league rep, or other aggrieved parties. *Submission within 48 hours of incident.*
2. The GNSW Board will consider the reports submitted and seek additional statements as required.
3. The party alleged to have carried out the breach will be advised of the investigation, by issuing a breach notice, which will be accompanied by the statements available regarding the incident. *Breach notice shall be issued within 24 hours of initial reports being submitted to GNSW. Deadline for return submissions is 48 hours after breach notice issued.*
4. The GNSW Board will consider the statements and reports and issue a decision on the matter (penalty notice). *Within 24 hours of close of return submissions*
5. The party charged has the right to appeal to a tribunal; notification of appeal must be made with 48 hours of the issuing of a penalty notice.
 - a. Under normal circumstances, any penalty issued is suspended whilst appeal is underway. For particularly serious breaches, the suspension of sentence may be forfeited.
6. The tribunal will be held within 5 business days of the advice of appeal. The tribunal shall consist of: A chairperson, a senior player, and a head coach. All tribunal members must be independent of any clubs involved in the incident (perpetrator, victim, or officials). The members should also each be from separate clubs. *If possible, all members of tribunal shall be independent of the GNSW Board, however in such circumstances where alternatives are not able to found, one member of the tribunal is able to be a GNSW Board member.*
 - a. Any witnesses or material may be called or presented at the tribunal. Any Member of the Judiciary may question a witness and the player may question a witness. A slanging match will not be tolerated and any such actions will be terminated immediately.
 - b. The Referee should also be present or an official or other person appointed by him who witnessed the incident complained of in the report. The player and the Judiciary may question the Referee or other person.
 - c. After the presentation of evidence, the player and any witnesses shall retire and the Members of the Judiciary will deliberate. The Judiciary may recall the player or any witness to question him/her further but always in the presence of the player who may also ask further questions or make further comments.

Times indicated are guides only. Any potential breach will be investigated as rapidly as possible.

Incident reports – Monday

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Breach notice issued – Tuesday

Response to breach notice – Thursday

Penalty notice – Friday

Appeal advice – Sunday

Appeal hearing – within next 5 business days.