
QUEENSLAND RUGBY UNION

APPEALS PROCEDURES

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1.1 Policy Statement

These procedures should be read in conjunction with the World Rugby (WR) Regulation 17.

1.2 Policy Coverage

1. Right of Appeal

- There shall be a right of appeal to the Judicial Appeals Committee from any decision of a Judicial Committee by a person affected by such a decision.

2. Power to Regulate Own Procedure

- The Judicial Appeals Committee shall have power to regulate its own procedure but shall generally conform to the procedures referred to in this part of these procedures.

3. Commencement of Appeal

- An appeal shall be commenced by the lodging of a notice of appeal in writing with the Administrator of the Union.

4. Notice of Appeal

- An appeal to the Judicial Appeals Committee shall be invalid unless it is lodged in writing with the Administrator before 4.00pm AEST on the second day after the decision of the Judicial Committee appealed against has been given.

5. Contents of Notice

- The notice of appeal shall be in writing from the players' registered club lodging the appeal and shall specify:
 - a) the name of the person lodging the appeal;
 - b) the decision appealed against;
 - c) the date of the decision appealed against; and
 - d) the specific grounds of the appeal.

6. Deposit

- Each notice of appeal shall be accompanied by a deposit of an amount the equivalent of AUD\$500.00 which shall be forfeited to the Union if the appeal is held by the Judicial Appeals Committee to be frivolous or groundless.

7. Non Payment of Deposit

- In the event of the required deposit not being paid, the appeal shall be deemed to be abandoned provided however that the Judicial Appeals Committee shall have power to extend the time for payment of the deposit.

8. Record of First Proceedings

- On the lodgement of the appeal, the Administrator of the Union shall make available to the Judicial Appeals Committee the record of the proceedings before the Judicial Committee.

9. Hearing Date

- The Judicial Appeals Committee shall set a time, date and place for the hearing of the appeal which shall be notified by the Administrator of the Union to the party who has lodged the appeal. The decision of the Judiciary Committee shall remain in effect pending the hearing of the appeal.

10. Power to Adjourn

- The Judicial Appeals Committee shall have power to postpone or adjourn the hearing of an appeal.

11. Representation

- The Appellant may be represented before the Judicial Appeals Committee by a representative of his/her club and/or legal counsel.

12. Further Evidence

- If in its discretion the Judicial Appeals Committee admits further evidence to be adduced at a hearing, there shall be no cross-examination of witnesses except to the extent allowed by the Chairman.

13. Delivery of Decision

- The Decision of the Judicial Appeals Committee shall be advised as soon as practicable after the conclusion of the hearing. Where it considers it appropriate, the Judicial Appeals Committee may deliver a short oral decision at the conclusion of the hearing, or it may reserve its decision.