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# QUEENSLAND RUGBY UNION

## CITING PROCEDURES

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## 1.1 Policy Statement

These procedures apply for those matches where Citing Commissioners are not appointed and are therefore in accordance with WR Regulation 17.

There are two (2) distinct methods by which players may be cited to appear before a Disciplinary / Judicial Committee to answer complaints that they have committed acts of illegal and/or foul play not detected by match officials.

## 1.2 Policy Coverage

### A. Citing by Nominated Officials

1. Each Union, Affiliate or Club participating in a Union sanctioned match may cite a player for an act or acts of Illegal and / or Foul Play committed during that Match provided that such alleged act or acts has or have not been detected by the referee and / or Assistant Referees / Touch Judges. (WR Regulation 17.11.1)
2. The person reporting the citing must be a Nominated Official and witness the incident as it occurred and not submit a citing upon the request of others.
3. For the purposes of the Citing Procedure, Nominated Officials are –
  - a. An office bearer of the union pursuant to the constitution;
  - b. A President, or another duly authorised member of the Club Management Committee as advised in writing of a Union, Affiliate or Club;
  - c. Any member of an affiliated Referee' Association or a Affiliate's Referee Association;
  - d. Such Members of Committees or sub-Unions as authorised by the Union
4. Each Union, Affiliate or Club participating in a match may cite a player for more than one alleged incident of Illegal and/or Foul Play in the same Match.
5. Each Union, Affiliate or Club participating in a Match may cite more than one Player in any Match.
6. A citing complaint must be completed in writing by a Statutory Declaration delivered by hand, fax or post to the Secretary of the Competition Administrators at their registered office no later than 5:00pm AEST on the second business day after the completion of the match. Any supporting evidence must accompany the complaint.

7. Upon receipt of the Statutory Declaration, a report will be obtained from the match referee to ensure that the matter had not already been detected or dealt with during the match. (i.e.: a citing is not intended to be an opportunity to re-referee an incident or its interpretation if already detected and acted upon).
8. The Judiciary Chairman (or nominee) should first satisfy himself / herself that there is sufficient or reasonable evidence of prima facie case to justify a citing prior to a hearing date to be determined.
9. The cited players Club will be provided with a copy of the citing complaint and advised of the time, date and venue of the hearing of the Judicial Committee to consider the complaint.

#### B. Citing by the Union Board or its Nominee

1. The Union Board or its nominee<sup>1</sup> has the power to cite a player for an act or acts of illegal and/or foul play committed during a sanctioned match regardless of whether or not such alleged act or acts has or have not been detected by the match official.
2. The citing complaint must be in writing addressed to the cited players club and shall advise a time, date and venue of the hearing of the Disciplinary Committee to consider the complaint
3. Timeframes
  - a. In cases where the match has been recorded on video commissioned by the Union, the citing complaint must be made within five (5) business days of the date the match was played.
  - b. In all other cases, the citing complaint must be made within twelve (12) months of the date the match was played.

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<sup>1</sup> General Manager – Operations , as detailed in the Board Minutes as attached herewith as an Annexure – **THIS IS REQUIRED TO BE DONE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS RELEVANT TO CITINGS UNDER BOTH THE ABOVE PROCEDURES.

1. The hearing of the citing complaint shall occur substantially in accordance with the procedure prescribed in the Judicial Procedures.
2. Any penalties imposed shall be substantially in accordance with those set out in the Judicial Procedures.
3. The cited player may continue to play until the date set down for the hearing of the citing complaint by the Disciplinary Committee.
4. If the cited player fails to attend the hearing on the date nominated, he/she is suspended from playing until such time as he/she attends a hearing on a date mutually agreed by the player and the Disciplinary Committee.
5. A Citing will only be initiated where vision is available, except in extreme circumstances,