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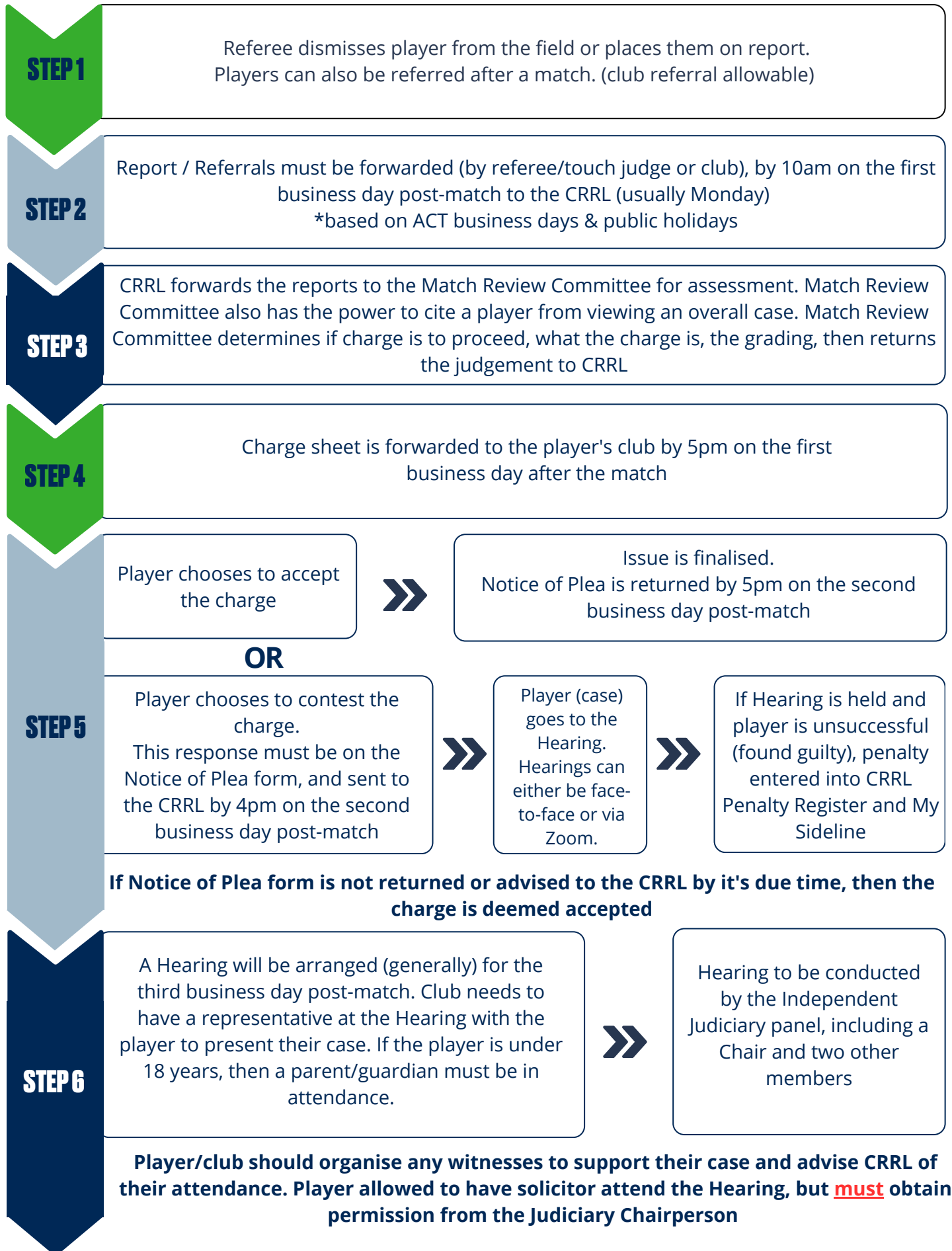
# **JUDICIARY & DISCIPLINARY STEP PROCESS**

**2026 UPDATE**

# OVERVIEW

- ➔ All below representatives and processes are **independent** of the CRRL Committee and Staff
- ➔ The Match Review Committee for both the Judiciary and Disciplinary processes, consists of the Coordinator (Glyn Sargent), and one other panel member (Mark Ryan). The Match Review Coordinator appears at all Hearings for both Judiciary and Disciplinary cases
- ➔ The Chairperson of Judiciary Hearings is either one of the following: Chris Gribble (Solicitor), Bwalya Chifunte (Solicitor) or Sarah Rodrigues (Solicitor)
- ➔ The Judiciary and Disciplinary Hearing panels both consist of, the Chairperson and two other panel members who are appointed from a pool of eight (8) people, sanctioned by the CRRL Committee and operate independently of the CRRL Staff
- ➔ The Appeals Chairperson is Jonathon Hanton (Solicitor). The Appeals panel involves two different panel members (of the eight above) after the initial Hearing
- ➔ The Appeals assessment is determined by the Appeals Chairperson.
- ➔ The CRRL Staff act as secretariat to the Judiciary and Disciplinary processes
- ➔ Cases are judged on the balance of probabilities, **NOT** beyond reasonable doubt

# JUDICIARY PROCESS



Reference letters may be submitted, with only two usually accepted



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## STEP 7

At the Hearing, the Match Review Committee will present their case by calling upon the witnesses (Player or Club representative can question the witnesses). Any evidence such as a video must be provided and shared with all parties where possible prior to Hearing



Player then presents their case and calls upon their witnesses (who can also be questioned)

### Judiciary retires to consider judgement

## STEP 8

Outcome of the Hearing advised by either Judiciary Chair or CRRL



If Player/Club accepts outcome - case closed

**OR**

If Player/Club does not accept outcome - Appeal Conditions Advised

**Player/Club can appeal, only on the grounds as advised on conditions. Appeals will be submitted to the Appeals Chair for assessment and must be accompanied by a \$500 bond**

## STEP 9

If appeal conditions are not accepted by the Appeals Chair, the club will be advised



Case closed

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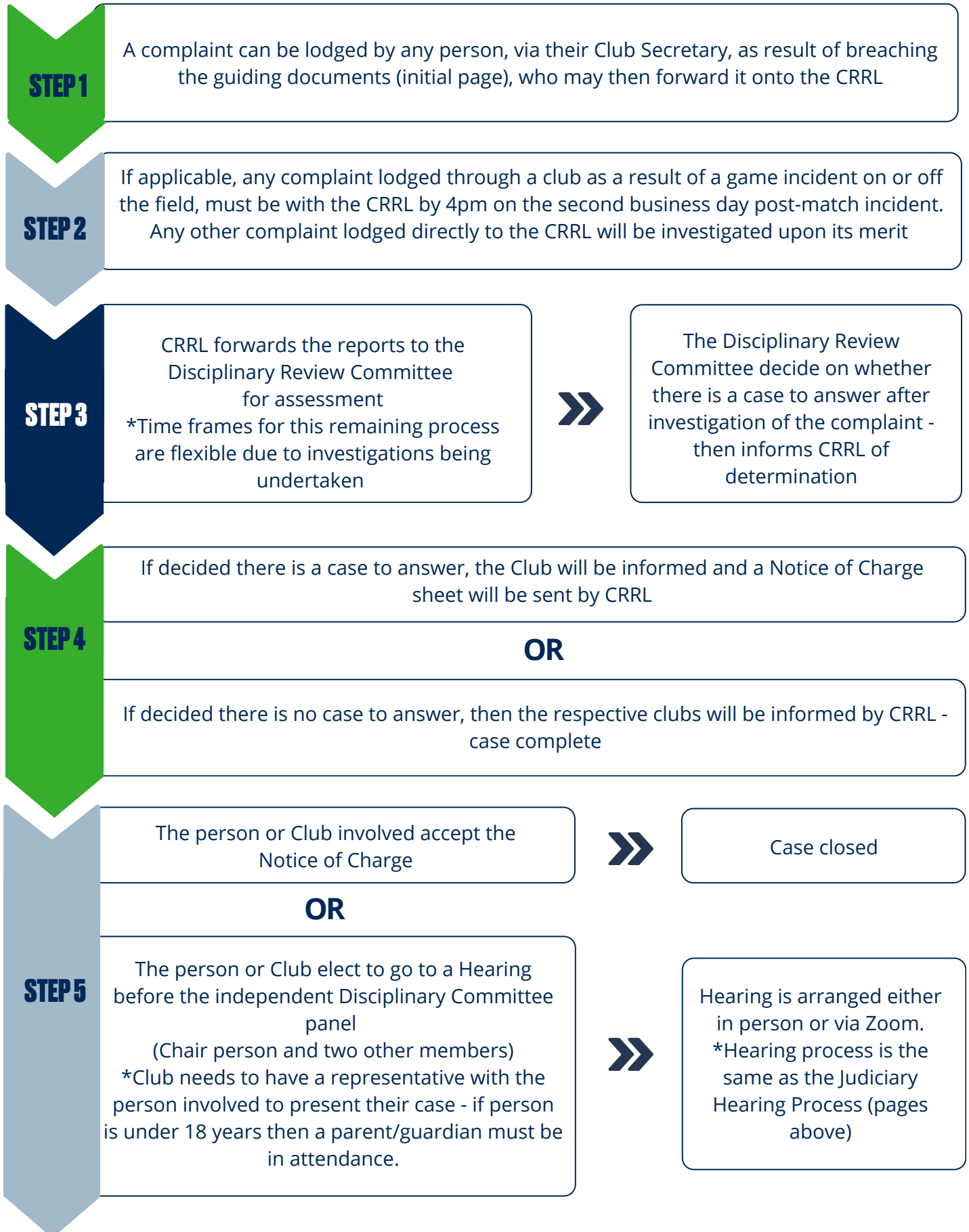
If appeal conditions are accepted by the Appeals Chair, the case will proceed to a new Hearing with different members of the Independent panel



If appeal is unsuccessful, panel can impose additional sanctions to original decision

# DISCIPLINARY PROCESS

## IN BREACH OF THE GUIDING DOCUMENTS



**STEP 1**

A complaint can be lodged by any person, via their Club Secretary, as result of breaching the guiding documents (initial page), who may then forward it onto the CRRL

**STEP 2**

If applicable, any complaint lodged through a club as a result of a game incident on or off the field, must be with the CRRL by 4pm on the second business day post-match incident. Any other complaint lodged directly to the CRRL will be investigated upon its merit

**STEP 3**

CRRL forwards the reports to the Disciplinary Review Committee for assessment  
\*Time frames for this remaining process are flexible due to investigations being undertaken



The Disciplinary Review Committee decide on whether there is a case to answer after investigation of the complaint - then informs CRRL of determination

**STEP 4**

If decided there is a case to answer, the Club will be informed and a Notice of Charge sheet will be sent by CRRL

**OR**

If decided there is no case to answer, then the respective clubs will be informed by CRRL - case complete

**STEP 5**

The person or Club involved accept the Notice of Charge



Case closed

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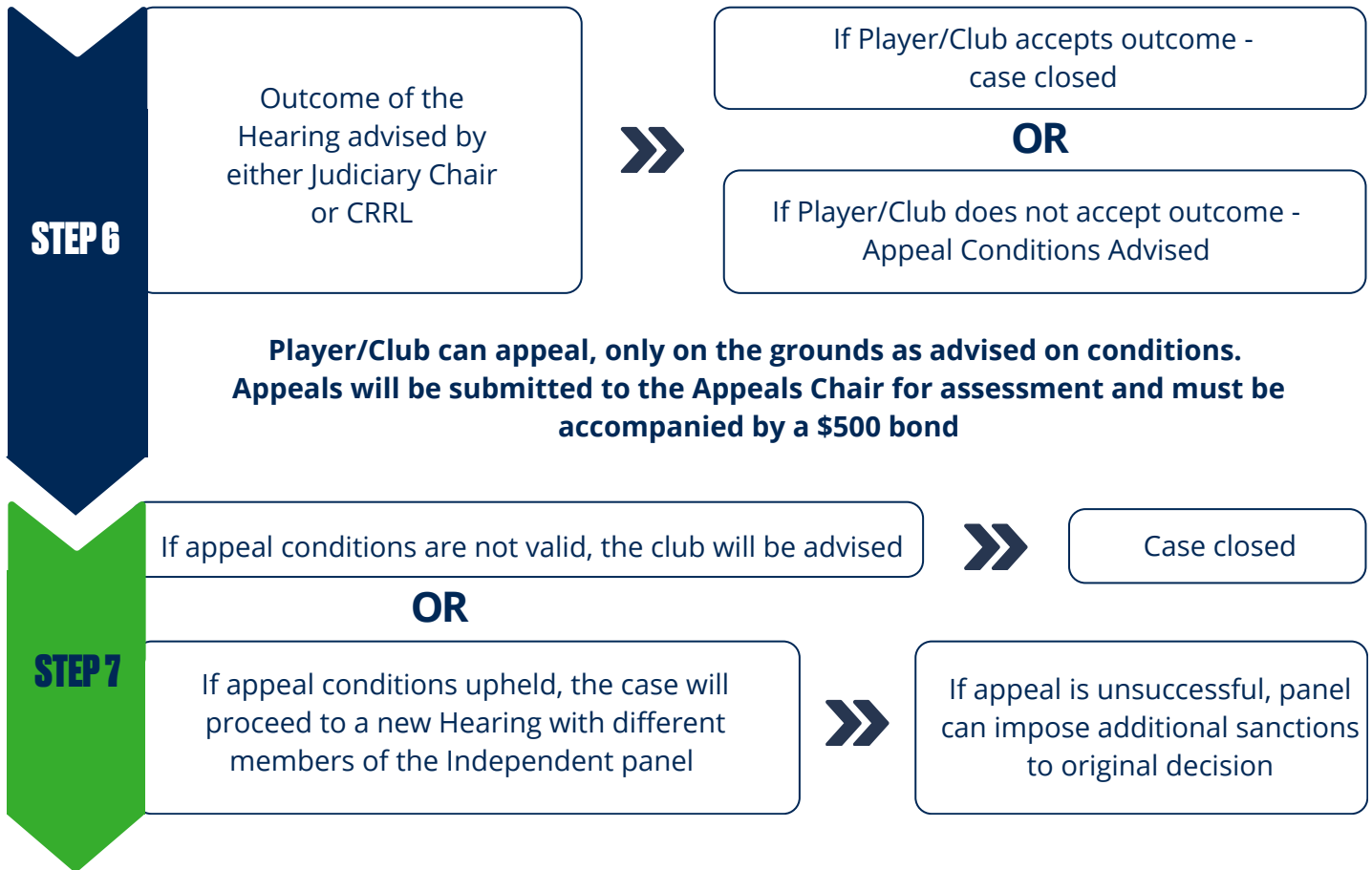
The person or Club elect to go to a Hearing before the independent Disciplinary Committee panel  
(Chair person and two other members)  
\*Club needs to have a representative with the person involved to present their case - if person is under 18 years then a parent/guardian must be in attendance.



Hearing is arranged either in person or via Zoom.  
\*Hearing process is the same as the Judiciary Hearing Process (pages above)

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## IN BREACH OF THE GUIDING DOCUMENTS



## GROUND FOR APPEAL

A Player, aggrieved by a decision of the Judiciary may appeal therefrom to the Appeals Committee, by forwarding a Notice of Intention to Lodge a Leave to Appeal Application to the Judiciary Administrator **by 5.00pm on the next business day** following receipt of the Notice of Outcome, on one or more of the following grounds:

1. With respect to the issue of guilt:
  - a. That there was an error of law; or
  - b. That the decision was unreasonable or insupportable having regard to the evidence presented to the Judiciary in the hearing; or
2. With respect to the issue of penalty: that the penalty imposed by the Judiciary was manifestly excessive.

Where the League is aggrieved by a decision of the Judiciary may also appeal therefrom to the Appeals Committee as per 1. and 2.