



AMMNA BY-LAW

AC 013	By-Law	Australian Championships – Suspensions and Send-Offs
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1. Where a player is sent off for a period of time or for the entirety of the match the following will apply:
 - a) Any player that receives a suspension as per Rule 13.1.2 (INF Official Rule Book) will be listed on the team sheet and submitted at the end of the game. The umpires shall bring this to the attention of the Tournament Director.
 - b) Should a player be sent off more than once during the Australian Championships, the Tournament Director will evaluate any consistencies with these sanctions and determine if additional intervention or disciplinary action is required.
 - c) If the Tournament Director deems necessary, a player will be required to attend a Disciplinary Hearing organised as soon as possible after the second incident.

2. Any player that is ordered off as per Rule 13.1.3 (INF Official Rule Book) for actions that are deemed to bring the sport into disrepute will be immediately reported to the Tournament Director and required to attend a Disciplinary Hearing organised as soon as possible after the incident.

3. Any team official or bench player who is removed from the playing enclosure as per Rule 13.3 (INF Official Rule Book) will be immediately reported to the Tournament Director and required to attend a Disciplinary Hearing organised as soon as possible after the incident.



Disciplinary Hearing

A Disciplinary Hearing will be conducted with the individual concerned and a representative should they choose to bring one.

The Disciplinary Committee made up of 3 individuals not officially involved with a team at the Championships will be formed one month prior to the commencement of the Championships.

The Tournament Director will chair the Committee unless there is a conflict of interest along with 2 other parties that have the appropriate skills and qualifications for this role.

The Disciplinary Committee will apply any sanctions up to and including:

- Game Bans;
- No further part in Championships; and/or
- Recommendation to AMMNA Executive for further hearing under Section 7 of the Constitution.

Appeals

A player or official may appeal the sanctions applied by a Disciplinary Committee by notifying the AMMNA Secretary within 24 hours of the advice. It must include all documentation relevant to the appeal (player's statement, any witness statements and any other statements).

An appeal fee of \$50 must be paid at the time of lodgment of the appeal and is non-refundable.

The Disciplinary Committee will review the submitted documentation to assess whether the appeal has sufficient grounds to be heard. The onus is on the individual to provide sufficient argument in that documentation to convince the Disciplinary Committee that the appeal should be heard.



If an appeal is to be heard, any further documents supporting the charge, appeal conditions and notification of the date and time of the hearing will be forwarded to all parties as soon as the appeal is scheduled.

If an appeal is unable to be heard prior to the commencement of the sanction applied, the player or official will be allowed to participate in the next match pending the hearing of the appeal.

The fact of the player participating in that next match signifies that a lodged appeal will proceed. Should the appeal be withdrawn, then the result of such a match will be recorded as a win in favour of the opposing team should they have lost.

In hearing an appeal, the Disciplinary Committee has the power to overturn, confirm, suspend, increase or decrease the additional disciplinary sanction against which an appeal is made.

An appeal against a decision of the Disciplinary Committee will not be allowed unless the person seeking to appeal satisfies that one or more of the following grounds of appeal are involved:

- that significant new or additional evidence has become available
- that the penalty imposed by the Disciplinary Committee is excessive and/or not in accordance with the provisions of this policy
- that the Disciplinary Committee failed to follow procedures or requirements of this policy to the significant detriment of the person seeking to appeal.

Note – For any appeal, failure to adhere to the conditions outlined above will render that appeal invalid and the original penalty will stand.