



**ADVICE FOR SUSPENDED PLAYERS, COACHES AND OFFICIALS  
(on the application of penalties)**

*Extract from the AFL Sydney Juniors Guidelines 2019*

**Hearings: (7) Penalties**

4.44 Where a period of suspension is expressed as a number of matches:

- (a) a 'match' shall mean a competition match of the same age group or division in which the Player committed the offence, and shall also include as the one match, the matches in all grades in a particular round for which the Player would, but for the suspension be eligible, whether played on the one day or not. Any suspension shall take effect from and include the next competition match following the suspension for which the Player would, but for the suspension, be eligible;
- (b) a Player is ineligible to play in any representative match whilst under suspension. In addition to this, the representative matches do not count towards part of the suspension;
- (c) Competition games which are forfeited, washed out for any other reason not played, shall not be counted for the purpose of reckoning a period of suspension.

4.45 Where a period of suspension is expressed as a period of time the period shall commence from the time the penalty is pronounced and conclude at midnight on the last day of the period, unless the Tribunal orders otherwise.

4.46 A suspended person may not, during his/her period of suspension, participate in any match in the capacity of Player, runner or trainer, nor shall he/she officiate within the enclosed playing area (or, where there is no enclosed playing area, within five metres of the boundary line), but may attend a game and observe as a spectator only. Players are not permitted within the confines of the playing field, and must not act as runner, water carrier or in any other capacity. Subject to any direction from the Tribunal, an Official may participate in any official capacity at their Club on non-match days.

4.47 Subject to any direction by the Tribunal, where the Tribunal imposes a suspended sentence, the period of the sentence is suspended, subject to good behaviour by the Player or Official. If the Player or Official is found guilty by the Tribunal of any subsequent offence committed during the period of the suspended sentence or, in the case of a Player, a Prescribed Penalty is offered and accepted which results in a match suspension, the suspended sentence will be added to any sentence imposed by the Tribunal for the subsequent offence or as a result of the Prescribed Penalty.

**APPEALS**

7.1 Findings of fact and determination of penalty shall be final except that the Tribunal may, in its discretion, re open any hearing for the purpose of considering fresh evidence (but not for the purpose of reconsidering any finding made or penalty imposed on the basis of previously presented evidence).

7.2 Fresh evidence means evidence which was not known to be available and could not, with reasonable diligence, have been known to have been available at the time of the original hearing.

7.3 The Tribunal shall not re-open any hearing to consider fresh evidence where it appears that even if presented to the original hearing, the fresh evidence could not reasonably be expected to have resulted in a different finding or penalty.

- 7.4 An appeal from any decision on a point of law or procedure only may be made to the AFL (NSW/ACT) in accordance with the Regulations.
- 7.5 The procedure for any appeal is set out in Regulation 16 Appeals and Section 4 Competition Appeal Rules of the State Guidelines.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

Persons appearing before the Tribunal and their Clubs and representatives are also referred to paragraph 4.10(a) of the State and Territory Tribunal Guidelines – NSW/ACT 2019 which provides:

#### **4.10 Notice of Appeal**

- (a) Except where otherwise determined by the Controlling Body, an appeal under these Guidelines shall be brought by lodging with the Controlling Body, by no later than 5.00pm on the day following the decision of the Tribunal, a duly completed Notice of Appeal in the form prescribed by the Controlling Body and, in the case of an appeal under section **Error! Reference source not found.**, shall be accompanied by payment to the Controlling Body of:
- (i) the sum of 50% of a fixed fee to be determined by the Controlling Body (inclusive of Goods and Services Tax), which sum shall not be refundable in any circumstances; and
  - (ii) the remaining 50% the fixed fee (inclusive of Goods and Services Tax) which shall be dealt with in accordance with section 4.19 – 4.22.
- (b) The Controlling Body shall fix a date, time and place for the hearing before the Appeal Board, as soon as practicable after the lodgement of the Notice of Appeal, and shall advise all parties interested in the appeal of those particulars.
- (c) The Appeal Board may, at any time prior to the hearing, vary the date, time or place specified in the Notice of Appeal and upon doing so shall, as soon as practicable, provide all parties interested in the appeal with written notice of such variation.

The fixed fee in season 2019 is \$1000

#### **Season 2019**