

PROCEDURE TO BE ADOPTED FOR TRIBUNAL HEARINGS

(To be read in conjunction with the Constitution, C10 and BL15)

Pre Tribunal

1. Reports are to be forwarded by the Association General Manager and Records Secretary and to the Board of Management member who acts as the Tribunal Secretary.
2. The Tribunal Secretary will ensure that the charges that have been received and laid conform to WGCA constitution and rules.
3. If the Tribunal Secretary believes charges do not conform, the persons laying the charge will be given an opportunity to revise the nature of their charges to ensure they conform as a Charge Report as distinct from an Official Warning or Mention in the Umpires Match Report.
4. If the charges are to proceed, the Tribunal Secretary will inform the persons of their right to accept a one match penalty as in BL15.10.

Tribunal

1. Chairperson establishes names and role of participants present. - Names are recorded by Minute Secretary.
2. Chairperson outlines procedure to parties attending Tribunal.
3. Charge is read.
4. Charged person enters a plea.
5. The reporting Umpire or Club Representative (Complainant) outlines his/her version of incident.
6. The Umpire's Advocate may question the Umpire to draw out points which need elaboration.
7. The charged person's Advocate may question Umpire or Club complainant (where applicable).
8. The charged person gives his/her version of incident.
9. Either advocate may separately ask questions of the person charged.
10. Advocates may sum up separately. At this stage any relevant evidence may be presented on behalf of the charged person.
11. All participants will leave while the Tribunal considers the evidence presented.
12. Participants return and Chairperson reads verdict.
13. The Chairperson shall approve and sign the record of proceedings.