

The Hearings Committee: You are the Decision-Makers in the system. Where Management or the Competitions Control Committee charges the Defending Party and the Defending Party maintains his innocence, you decide on the basis of evidence before you whether the Defending Party is innocent or guilty of the infraction alleged. If you decide that he is guilty of it, you decide what the appropriate penalty in accordance with Rule is to be. You are also responsible for ensuring that the Rules and Procedures are properly followed. Ideally a Hearings Committee should consist of experienced past and present members (excluding current Members of the Management and Competitions Control Committee), of the relevant Council or Committee and it may be helpful if one of them has legal experience.

The Defending Party: You have been accused of an infraction of the Rules. The Disciplinary Code is designed to ensure (a) if you are innocent of the breach alleged against you, that you are cleared of it; and (b) if you are guilty of it, that you receive a penalty that is reasonable and appropriate for that infraction, as prescribed in Rule.

The Management Committee: You have the same role in relation to Discipline as the Competitions Control Committee but not in relation to matters arising from Competitions and Games. As most infractions arise out of Games, you will not be involved in Disciplinary Matters as often as the Competitions Control Committee.

The Competitions Control Committee: You have the general authority to organise Games and, in the context of Discipline, you have the role of ensuring that breaches of Rule are detected and that those guilty of infractions are made accountable. You process Referees' Reports and complaints of breaches of Rule arising from Competitions and Games; you investigate allegations of breaches of Rule; you charge those accused of breaches of Rule; you notify them of their rights; you ensure that all relevant evidence is available for any Disciplinary Hearings; and you record all breaches of Rule and penalties imposed. In short, your duty is to ensure that the provisions of the Official Guide are upheld in relation to Competitions and Games. Your **Secretary** will carry out a number of the procedural tasks assigned to you.

WHAT ROLE DO YOU PLAY ?

Words importing the masculine gender only, also include the feminine or Units, as applicable.

Sometimes this Handbook will give an opinion as to the manner in which compliance with the Official Guide might be achieved in some circumstances, and it may be useful to consider that view. However, once you are operating within the bounds of the Rules, you should allow enough flexibility to be both efficient and fair.

Disciplinary Procedures are governed by the Enforcement of Rules portion of the Official Guide. They are not governed by this Handbook. This Handbook has been prepared to assist in understanding the Rules concerned and putting them into practice.

MEANING AND EFFECT OF THIS HANDBOOK

Part I

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The Secretary of the Hearings Committee: Where a Hearing before the Hearings Committee is required, you shall play a role in setting up the Hearing and ensuring that communications between the parties are in order.