

SANFL JUNIORS TRIBUNAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

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1. The SANFL Juniors Tribunal
 - 1.1. Shall meet at the time and place as directed by SANFL Juniors.
 - 1.2. Pursuant to 12.1 of the SANFL Juniors Charter the SANFL Juniors must appoint each year an SANFL Juniors Tribunal (“the Tribunal”) at its Annual General Meeting consisting of at least three (3) members each of whom shall be a person who is neither a delegate nor a registered official of a club within the SANFL Juniors. The SANFL Juniors Tribunal shall be constituted at any one time by one member.
 - 1.3. The Tribunal shall have the power to hear and determine any report, charge or complaint laid by an umpire, Official of SANFL Juniors or other authorised official of the SANFL or any matter referred to it by SANFL Juniors in respect of any breach of the Charter, Rules, Regulations, policies or procedures of the SANFL Juniors
 - 1.4. The Tribunal shall:
 - 1.4.1. have the power to require the attendance of any person or persons before it at any time it deems fit;
 - 1.4.2. at its absolute discretion admit or reject any evidence given or tendered at the hearing of such report and/or adopt and pursue any procedure, which it considers appropriate and proper;
 - 1.4.3. at its absolute discretion adjourn from time to time the hearing of any report.
 - 1.4.4. have the power to make recommendations to SANFL Juniors concerning any matter arising from any hearings of the Tribunal;
 - 1.4.5. forward to SANFL Juniors a report detailing the offences heard and determined by it.
 - 1.5. Subject to Regulation 1.4 the Tribunal may deem that no report shall be heard and determined by the Tribunal unless the following conditions are complied with:
 - 1.5.1. the report shall be a hard copy of the online Umpire Match Report and shall set out the substance of the report, the player’s guernsey number and wherever possible the name of the player reported.
 - 1.5.2. the Report by Umpire form shall be signed by the field umpire(s) and any other umpire(s) or an Official of SANFL Juniors making the report and submitted to SANFL Juniors.
 - 1.6. Any one of the President or Chairman or Secretary or Football Director of the Member Club to which the reported player(s) or official(s) belong are the only officials authorised to approach the field umpire(s) or other reporting official at the conclusion of the match from which the report(s) has arisen to obtain the relevant report(s) details.
 - 1.7. Notwithstanding a non-compliance with any one or more of the conditions specified in the Rules and Regulations herein the Tribunal may in its absolute discretion dispense with the compliance of such conditions and proceed to determine any report provided that such dispensation does not prejudice any player called before the Tribunal.
 - 1.8. The Umpire(s) or an Official of SANFL Juniors signing the Report by Umpire form, the Club advocate of the player’s Member Club and any witnesses shall attend the Tribunal at the time and place directed by SANFL Juniors.
 - 1.9. SANFL Juniors may impose a fine to a Member Club if a Club advocate and/or the reported player fail to attend such Tribunal.
 - 1.10. The following procedures must be adopted at any hearing of the Tribunal:
 - 1.10.1. the reporting umpire(s) may request anyone to attend the Tribunal as a witness.
 - 1.10.2. the offended player involved in a Category “A” report may request to attend the Tribunal hearing relating to such report or if directed to attend by SANFL Juniors.
 - 1.10.3. Should the reported player, or a required club official(s) as requested by SANFL Juniors, not appear before the Tribunal at the time and place directed by SANFL Juniors, the Tribunal shall

have the power to hear and determine the report in the player's absence or adjourn such hearing and/or fine the player(s), official(s) or Member Club.

1.10.4. Should the umpire(s) or an Official of SANFL Juniors signing the report not attend before the Tribunal at the time and place directed by SANFL Juniors, the Tribunal shall have the power to dismiss the report or adjourn such hearing.

1.11. In determining any report the Tribunal shall have the power to:

1.11.1. dismiss the report;

1.11.2. find a report not proven;

1.11.3. find a report proven and reprimand any player(s) or official(s);

1.11.4. find a report proven and suspend for any period any player or official;

1.11.5. find a report proven and impose on any player or official or Member Club a fine for each report proven;

1.11.6. find a report proven and impose upon a player or official a suspension for any period or suspend such period of suspension upon that player undertaking to be of good behaviour for any period specified by the Tribunal;

1.11.7. suspend for any period or impose a fine on any player whom while playing under a suspended suspension in accordance with Regulation 1.16 is found guilty by the Tribunal of a further charge during the period of such suspended suspension;

1.11.8. find a report not proven but if in the opinion that a player has committed any breach under the Charter, Rules, Regulations, policies or procedures of the SANFL Juniors, SANFL Juniors may deal with such other breach in accordance with the provisions set out herein as if such breach were the report being determined and to this effect may amend, alter or substitute any report in place of the original report.

1.12. The Tribunal shall have powers to impose a fine and/or penalty or an additional penalty upon any person or Member Club that:

1.12.1. knowingly gives false evidence to the Tribunal at any Tribunal hearing;

1.12.2. before, at, or after any Tribunal hearing insults, abuses or assaults the Tribunal or any member thereof or any person giving evidence at such hearing or whom in the opinion of the Tribunal is guilty of misconduct at any Tribunal hearing;

1.12.3. refuses or neglects to obey any order of the Tribunal;

1.12.4. fails to have a Club advocate represent the reported player(s) or official(s) at the Tribunal hearing;

1.13. Should any Member Club include on its Team Sheet in any Division any player under suspension as a result of an order of the Tribunal during the player's suspension, such Member Club shall be liable to a fine and/or loss of all premiership points accrued in that particular Division or in all Divisions in which such Member Club participates as from the date the suspension was implemented.

1.14. A suspended player whose full or part of suspension is to be served during the major round shall serve such suspension in the Division in which they were reported.

1.15. A bye is not counted as a match of SANFL Juniors for a suspension to be served.

1.16. Refer to SANFL Juniors Charter Clause 12.8

1.16.1. A person disqualified or suspended by SANFL Juniors Tribunal for 6 matches or more in a team for which he/she was playing or officiating when charged or reported may appeal to the league tribunal against such disqualification or suspension on one or more of the grounds set out in Clause 12.8 of the SANFL Juniors Charter.

2. TRIBUNAL APPEAL

2.1. An appeal lodged under 1.16 shall be heard and determined by the SANFL Tribunal (League Tribunal)

2.2. The League Tribunal shall be constituted by one (1) Member. That member must not have been involved in the decision which is the subject of the appeal.

- 2.3. The members of the Panel shall not have any current affiliation with any Member Club involved in the appeal, and a paid employee of SANFL Juniors cannot be a member of the Panel.
- 2.4. A Member Club player or official who has been suspended by the Tribunal may appeal to SANFL Juniors against the decision of the Tribunal if:
 - 2.4.1. he or she was suspended by the Tribunal for a period of six (6) matches or more; and
 - 2.4.2. he or she has the permission of his or her Member Club in writing to appeal; and
 - 2.4.3. his or her appeal is accompanied by a fee of \$500 (inclusive of GST) of which \$250 shall be refunded if the appeal is successful.
- 2.5. A Member Club may appeal in writing to SANFL Juniors against a decision of the Tribunal imposing a penalty upon that Club provided the appeal is accompanied by fee of \$500 (inclusive of GST) of which \$250 shall be refunded if the appeal is successful.
- 2.6. An appeal can only be brought under Regulation 1.16
 - 2.6.1. With respect to the issue of guilt - if it is alleged that there has been an error by the Tribunal in the application of the SANFL Juniors Charter, Rules, Regulations, policies or procedures; or
 - 2.6.2. With respect to the issue of penalty - if it is alleged that the penalty imposed by the Tribunal was manifestly excessive.
- 2.7. An appeal should be in writing setting out in full the basis of the appeal and must be received by SANFL Juniors not later than two (2) days following the decision by the Tribunal against which the appeal is brought.
- 2.8. Subject to any other matters set out in this Regulation, the League Tribunal may regulate any proceedings brought before it in such manner as it decides.
- 2.9. The Panel is not bound by the rules of evidence nor by the practices and procedures applicable to courts of record, but may inform itself on any matter in such manner as it decides.
- 2.10. An appeal is to proceed by way of a review of the evidence before the Tribunal and not by way of a rehearing.
- 2.11. At the hearing of an appeal from a decision of the Tribunal, fresh evidence may not be presented without leave of the League Tribunal. The League Tribunal must not grant such leave unless the League Tribunal is satisfied that:
 - 2.11.1. the evidence could not by reasonable diligence have been obtained prior to the conclusion of the hearing before the Tribunal; and
 - 2.11.2. the evidence is of such a character that if considered with other evidence which was given before the Tribunal, the Tribunal would have reached a different result.
- 2.12. Each League Tribunal has the power:
 - 2.12.1. to affirm, reverse or vary the decision the subject of the appeal;
 - 2.12.2. to increase or decrease the penalty imposed by the Tribunal;
 - 2.12.3. to adjourn its proceedings at and to such time and place as it shall deem fit; and
 - 2.12.4. to stay the execution of the penalty imposed by the Tribunal pending the determination of the appeal.
- 2.13. The League Tribunal is not obliged to give reasons for a decision made by it under Regulation 2.12
- 2.14. Subject to Regulation 2.12 a player lodging an appeal against a suspension imposed by the Tribunal may not play in a match of SANFL Juniors until his or her appeal has been heard and determined by the League Tribunal.