

Appendix 10.30 - Protests and Disputes

1.1 Other than Players or Officials

1.1.1 Protests and disputes arising from the conduct of games involving persons other than Players or Officials will, if referred to SANFL Juniors as provided for in these Rules, will be dealt with by the Investigations Committee.

1.1.2 An email with details of the incident naming the persons and describing the incident as recounted by eye witnesses must be submitted by 5:00pm of the Tuesday following the incident with an Incident Referral Form signed by the President of the reporting Club to the SANFL Juniors Competitions Manager.

A hard copy of the Incident Referral Form accompanied by three hundred dollars (\$300.00) 50% refundable (at the SANFL Junior's discretion) deposit which must reach SANFL Juniors by 5:00pm of the Wednesday following the incident.

SANFL Juniors will contact the Investigations Committee and a meeting of the Investigations Committee will be heard by 5:00pm of the Friday following the incident

A copy of the documents referred to above will be sent by SANFL Juniors to the Secretary/President of the Club against whose member(s) or spectator(s) the citing is made.

1.1.3 In the event that a Club requires extra time to prepare the Incident Referral Form, SANFL Juniors, after receiving a notice of intent within the time may extend same to Thursday 5.00pm following the incident.

1.1.4 After advising of its intention to submit an Incident Referral Form, the citing Club may request extra time to negotiate an outcome with the Club that the proposed citation is directed to. In such circumstances, an agreed outcome is required by Sunday 5.00pm following the incident.

1.1.5 If the incident is not referred to an Investigations Committee, SANFL Juniors will inform both Clubs and furnish the citing Club with their reasons within seven (7) days of the report being received.

1.1.6 An Agreement between Clubs following the issuing of an Incident Referral Form, or the decision of the Investigations Committee not to proceed with an investigation does not preclude SANFL Juniors from proceeding with a Code of Conduct hearing as otherwise provided for in these Rules.

1.1.7 The SANFL Juniors may, in its absolute discretion, and in appropriate circumstances, waive the failure to comply with the time requirements for the submission of the email and/or Incident Referral Form. The SANFL Juniors may, in its absolute discretion, and in appropriate circumstances, waive the failure to comply with the time requirements for the receipt of the deposit. No reasons are required to be given by the SANFL Juniors in the case that they either waive or refuse to waive the failure to comply with the time requirements provided by this Regulation.

1.2 Involving Players or Officials

12.1 Protests and disputes arising from the conduct of games involving Players or Officials (including a person who is an Official but is not performing the functions of that office) are to

be considered by the Investigations Committee, a quorum of which is to be at least three (3) members, unless the Investigations Committee has delegated such functions to the Investigations Committee Chairperson or delegate.

1.2.2 A Player or Official may be cited by a Club pursuant to these Rules in circumstances where the Umpire officiating at the game has not reported the Player or Official for breach of the AFL Laws, or where there has been a breach of a Code of Conduct. A Player may also be cited by a Club pursuant to these Rules when not participating in a game but still under the jurisdiction of SANFL Juniors while attending a competition game.

1.2.3 An email with details of the incident naming the Player or Official and describing the incident as recounted by eye witnesses must be submitted by 5:00pm of the Tuesday following the incident with an Incident Referral Form signed by the President of the reporting Club to the SANFL Juniors Competition Manager.

A hard copy of the Incident Referral Form accompanied by three hundred dollars (\$300.00) 50% refundable (at the SANFL Juniors discretion) deposit must reach SANFL Juniors by 5:00pm of the Wednesday following the incident.

A copy is also to be sent at the same time to the Secretary/President of the Club against whose Player or Official the citing is made.

SANFL Juniors will contact the Investigations Committee and a meeting of the Investigations Committee will be heard by 5:00pm of the Friday following the incident.

1.2.4 In the event that a Club requires extra time to submit an Incident Referral Form, SANFL Juniors, after receiving a notice of intent within the timing requirements, may provide such to Thursday 5.00pm following the incident.

1.2.5 After advising of its intention to submit an Incident Referral Form, a Club may request extra time to negotiate an outcome with the Club that the proposed citation is directed to. In such circumstances, an agreed outcome is required by Sunday 5.00pm following the incident.

1.2.6 Subject to above the matter will then proceed to the Investigations Committee, a quorum of which is to be at least three (3) members, unless the Investigations Committee has delegated such functions to the Investigations Committee Chairperson or delegate to determine whether the incident should be referred to the Tribunal at the earliest possible opportunity, preferably prior to the next weekend's round of games, but in any event, within seven (7) days of the report being received.

1.2.7 If the incident is not referred to the Tribunal, the SANFL Juniors will inform both Clubs and furnish the citing Club with their reasons within seven (7) days of the report being received.

1.2.8 An Agreement between Clubs following the issuing of an Incident Referral Form, or the decision of the Investigations Committee not to proceed with a Tribunal hearing does not preclude SANFL Juniors from proceeding with a Tribunal hearing as otherwise provided for in these Rules.

1.2.9 If the incident is referred to the Tribunal, the matter will be heard according to the rules governing the Tribunal and be reported by the Tribunal to SANFL Juniors to in turn report to the Clubs and the Investigations Committee.

- 1.2.10 The SANFL Juniors may waive the failure of any person or persons, in appropriate circumstances to comply with the time requirements. No reasons are required to be given by the Investigations Committee in the case that they either waive or refuse to waive the failure to comply with the time requirements provided by those Rules.
- 1.2.11 For the purposes of these Rules, SANFL Juniors may, if it so determines and subject to oversight by the SANFL Juniors, assume the powers of the Investigations Committee, and where it does so, those Rules will be read accordingly.
- 1.2.12 SANFL Juniors may, if it so determines, appoint a person to assume the conduct of the hearing before the Tribunal in place of the citing Club, irrespective of whether or not SANFL Juniors has assumed the powers of the Investigations Committee.

TRIBUNAL COMPOSITION, PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES

See Appendix 10.4 Rules of the Tribunal process

1. A Tribunal document is available and should be referred to by any person and their advocate prior to appearing before the Tribunal. In the event of any inconsistency between the Tribunal document and these Rules, the Tribunal may make its own determination as to which applies, and shall draw the inconsistency to the attention of SANFL Juniors.
2. A person qualified as a Legal Practitioner is not permitted to act in the role of Player, Official or Umpire Advocate.
3. The parents/guardians of a reported Player or Official, or a reporting Umpire are not permitted to act in the role of the advocate. Such persons are, however, permitted to attend Tribunal hearings, should the player/official or umpire be under the age of 18. A Tribunal Member may not act as an advocate or otherwise appear in any capacity before the Tribunal.
4. Following the decision of the Tribunal, the SANFL Juniors will provide a copy of the Minutes of the Tribunal Hearing to the President of the Club and the Zone Chairperson.