



POLICY & PROCEDURES - Be Prepared for a Tribunal Hearing

It is important to be prepared for a Tribunal Hearing; Clubs should assist their players with this process.

Once a Player has been reported the SBA Tribunal Secretary will contact the players Club secretary giving details of the Players Name, Team Name, and Competition played, date and time of the offence, time and place for the Tribunal Hearing.

Club Secretary is then responsible for contacting the player with details of his or her Tribunal hearing.

Preparation is vital, carefully read what you have been reported for, dress neatly, and be polite and honest. If you wish you may bring along a reliable, honest witness.

Whilst in a tribunal hearing, when asked a question answer it honestly and look at the person asking you the question. If you have nothing to hide and wish to be taken seriously, Eye contact is an important body signal.

If the reported player is a “child, Teenager, Student or young Adult” a parent or legal guardian may accompany the player through the hearing.

If found guilty you will be suspended from participation for a specified period.

Failure to attend the Tribunal hearing will result in a guilty verdict with the maximum penalty applied.

The Tribunal Secretary must receive appeals in writing within 7 days of the completion of the Tribunal Hearing.

What is deemed to be Participation includes : Playing both Domestic & Representative games, Scoring, sitting on seating provided for your teams games, it's players and spectators, coaching either domestic or representative teams. You are not allowed to be present in the immediate area of your Teams Games (includes home and away games) and may not “participate” in any of these activities whilst under suspension.

**We take this process very seriously and suggest that you do the same.
Abide by our rules and process or you may face further penalties.**