



**Procedure 'Complaints against Players'**

**Appendix to Byelaw 7 (i.)**

Should any team/official or player, wish to complain about any aspect of the match, a complaints form must be completed and forwarded to the Chair Person and must be received within 7 days of the game. This is to be from either the team captain or club secretary and must contain specific details of the nature of the alleged incident, names of player(s) or teams involved from both teams and the specific issue/complaint which the committee are being asked to investigate. Details of any witnesses should also be included.

The alleged complaint will then be summarised to the secretary of the club/player involved. The club will have 7 days in which to defend/explain/respond to the alleged complaint about them.

The W&DNL will then instruct three members of the committee (who are not directly involved with the alleged complaint) to reach a decision with regards to the complaint. If the W&DNL then decide to uphold the complaint then the procedure outlined below will be followed:-

- In the first instance the committee will either take no further action (informing the teams of this decision) or issue an informal request that either team or named individual(s) play in a sporting manner before, during or after the game. A brief summary of the complaint will be sent to the secretary of the team or player/s involved in the complaint.
- Should a second complaint be upheld by the committee, then a formal written warning will be given to either the team or named individual(s) which will include a one match ban (excluding byes and holidays).
- In the unfortunate circumstance of a third complaint being upheld then the team or named individual(s) will receive an automatic 2 match ban (excluding byes and holidays).

***The committee withhold the right to ban repeat offenders or offenders of repeated offences for variable amounts of time, in order to reflect the severity of the issues involved.***

**Any ban will run concurrently across seasons.**

The League Secretary will keep a record of the upheld complaints and any subsequent banned players.

NB. Should a banned individual play then the fines system for non-affiliated players will apply. Should a team be banned then they will automatically forfeit the match and the full points awarded to their opponents.