



Westport GAA

Disciplinary Powers and Procedures



Pursuant to Article 5.11.1 of the Club Constitution.

5.11.1

The Executive Committee shall have the power to investigate and process matters relating to alleged breaches of this Constitution or the Official Guide by Club members in the same manner as a Competitions Control Committee or a Management Committee in Chapter 7 of the Official Guide. It shall follow the procedures set out in Rule 7.3 of the Official Guide. Where a Defending Party seeks a Hearing, it shall be provided by the County Hearings Committee. There shall be no appeal against a decision of Hearings Committee in relation to Disciplinary Action initiated by the Executive Committee.

5.11.2

Such persons, if Full Members (including Honorary Members) or Youth Members, shall have the right to appeal to the Hearings 6 Committee of the County Committee of the G.A.A., within seven days of being notified of such decision.

5.11.3

Unless the offence is brought to the notice of the County Committee of the G.A.A. by the Club, and that body, having considered the merits of the case and having regard to the rights of the player or member, confirms the penalty imposed, the member continues to be a legal member of the Association and is suspended from Club activities only.

Misconduct at Games Infraction

- The Competitions Control Committee proposes a penalty. It is either accepted or rejected.
- If an individual or unit does not accept the proposed penalty, a Hearing is granted.

- The Hearings Committee (decision-makers) either imposes a penalty or exonerate based on the evidence presented during the Hearing.
- If a penalty is imposed by the Hearings Committee, and the Defending Party is not willing to accept the imposed penalty, then an Appeal can be lodged to the Appeals Committee.
- The Appeal is heard by the Appeals Committee. If an Appeal is unsuccessful then the penalty remains imposed and all avenues of Appeal are now exhausted within the GAA (The Appeal can only be successful where there has been a clear infringement or misapplication of Rule by the Hearings Committee or the Appellant's right to a fair hearing has otherwise been compromised to such extent that a clear injustice has occurred).
- However, if the Defending Party is still not willing to accept the imposed penalty, a request for Arbitration may be lodged to the DRA (Disputes Resolution Authority) who are an external Independent Body

For more information/guidance see:

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CHAPTER 7 - ENFORCEMENT OF RULES/ ARBITRATION