

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lead Area:	RUGBY SERVICES
Lead Procedure Title:	CITING COMPLAINT REFERRAL PROCEDURE
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DESCRIPTION

This document is to provide clarity on local Competition procedures with regards to the Citing Complaint Referral procedure – as permitted in the Rugby Australia Disciplinary Rules.

REFERENCE MATERIALS

1. RUSA Citing Referral Complaint Form (for submission of any Citing Complaint)
2. Rugby Australia Disciplinary Rules

STEP BY STEP PROCEDURES

Submitting a Citing Complaint Referral

Step	Description of action	Responsible
1	A Citing Complaint Referral Form must be lodged in writing by 5:00 pm on the first Business Day following the alleged incident. A Citing Complaint Referral can only be raised against players participating in competitions in U13 and above.	Club Official
2	Citing Complaint Referrals will attract a fee of \$200, broken down to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$50 payable to the appointed Citing Commissioner - \$150 deposit If a Citing Complaint Referral results in a Citing Commissioner Warning or a Citing Report for a player: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) competing in a U19 or above competition then the \$150 deposit will be refunded to the Complainant. b) Competing in a U13 – U18 competition, then the full \$200 fee will be refunded. 	Club Official

Procedure on receipt of a Citing Complaint Referral

Step	Description of action	Responsible
3	Upon receipt of a Citing Complaint Referral, the Union will forward the details received to the appointed Citing Commissioner for their review.	RUSA
4	The Citing Commissioner will determine, by reference to the Citing Complaint Referral and any other sources of information available, whether the act: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Meets the red-card threshold, in which case a Citing Report is provided and the matter is referred to the Judicial Committee for hearing; or (b) Falls just short of satisfying the red-card threshold, in which case a Citing Commissioner Warning is provided; or (c) no Citing Commissioner action. 	Citing Commissioner

* This procedure has the effect of a Rule under the Competition Rules issued by the Union and terms used in this procedure and defined in the Competition Rules have the same meaning in this procedure and the rule of interpretation set out in the Competition Rules also apply to this procedure.

AGE-GRADE RUGBY DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

As permitted in Appendix 2, Paragraph 1.1 of the Rugby Australia Disciplinary Rules, RUSA have agreement with Rugby Australia that the procedures to commence a citing complaint in relation to players in our Junior Competitions in Age-Grades U13 to U18 are as described above. For all intent and purposes, Age-Grade Citing Complaints will be handled in the same way as Senior Citing Complaints.

OTHER INFORMATION

- Any Player (including an Age-Grade player) who is the subject of a Citing Report by a Citing Commissioner are provisionally suspended and are required to attend a hearing at the earliest possible opportunity following the citing.
- If the Player which is the subject of a Citing Report fails to appear before the Judicial Committee, that Player will be ineligible to play in any matches in the competition until such time as they do appear before the Judicial Committee.

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