

OPERATIONAL POLICY



GENERAL INFORMATION*

Lead Area:	RUGBY SERVICES
Lead Procedure Title:	CITING COMPLAINT REFERRAL PROCEDURE
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SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

This citing procedure is for incidents of Foul Play (World Rugby Law 9) that take place within the playing enclosure and not dealt with at the time by the Referee.

REFERENCE MATERIALS

1. RUSA Citing Referral Complaint Form (for submission of any Citing Complaint)
2. Rugby Australia Disciplinary Rules - <https://www.rugbyau.com/-/media/rugbyau/documents/rugbyaudisciplinaryrules2018.pdf?la=en&hash=88D8D45FF82258D7785FD4DA17256903>

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.	Club Official
2	Citing Complaint Referrals will attract a fee of \$200, broken down to: - \$50 payable to the appointed Citing Commissioner - \$150 deposit If a Citing Complaint Referral results in a Citing Commissioner Warning or the matter is referred to the Judicial Panel for adjudication, then the deposit will be refunded to the Complainant.	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 appoint a Citing Commissioner and refer the Citing Complaint Referral to them for review.	RUSA
4	The Citing Commissioner will determine, by reference to the Citing Report and any other sources of information available, whether the act warrants: (a) a Citing Report, in which case the matter will be referred to the Judicial Committee for hearing; or (b) a Citing Commissioner Warning (per the Rugby Australia Disciplinary Rules).	Citing Commissioner

OTHER INFORMATION

- A Citing Report is not an opportunity to reconsider the decision (if any) made by the Referee with respect to an incident or its interpretation and in circumstances where the alleged incident has already been detected and dealt with by the Referee during the Match no further action will be taken unless the Union determines that extraordinary circumstances exist.
- Any Player the subject of a Citing 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.

* 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.