



## **Appeals & Disciplinary Matters**

The Executive Committee shall have control of Appeals and Disciplinary Matters, including the power to delegate consideration of any case to an appropriately elected Sub-committee or the Management Committee, according to the nature and timing of the matter.

In its exercise of responsibility, The Executive Committee shall:

- a)** appoint Area Disciplinary Committees for the purpose of dealing expeditiously with players, representatives or officials reported by referees or other competent persons, as having been guilty of offences, breaches of rule(s) and/or the Laws of the Game, misdemeanours or any other forms of improper conduct in matches played under the direct control and management of the Scottish Schools' Football Association and to supervise the work of such committees
- b)** be prepared to offer guidance in respect of appropriate penalties to local associations and arising out of matches played under their jurisdiction
- c)** exercise, generally, disciplinary powers by way of suspension or by any other appropriate means, over schools and local associations officials of or representatives accredited to, or players participating in matches promoted by the latter or by this Association, subject always to the right of the school, local association, official or representative in question to appeal in writing to the Scottish Football Association within seven days of receiving notification of the decision, penalty or disciplinary measure imposed
- d)** consider any appeal made by a school against a decision of its local association or by a school or local association against a decision of an Area Disciplinary Committee established in terms of part a) of this Article
- e)** deliberate upon any complaint regarding the conduct of a member of the Association who is employed by or attached to a club in membership of the SFA or any other National FA. Such complaint must be made in writing to the General Secretary. The Management Committee shall have powers to take disciplinary action if deemed appropriate in such a case.

Local associations and schools must notify the General Secretary immediately of any form of disciplinary action, including suspensions, together with the nature and particulars of the offence for which such action was taken.

Any penalty imposed may be revoked, varied or confirmed by the Management Committee.

In such cases, an aggrieved school may exercise its right to appeal in writing, within three days of receiving notice of the decision of its local association to the Management Committee. Such an appeal must be sent via the General Secretary and must be accompanied by a fee of £50 which may be forfeited at the discretion of the Committee. In all appeals, the party against whom the decision is given may be held liable for all or part of the expense involved in convening the meeting, subject to the discretion of the Management Committee. Thereafter, if still dissatisfied, the aggrieved school may appeal to the Scottish Football Association.

Local associations have a similar right of appeal to the Scottish Football Association against decisions of any of the Association's Committees.

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