

2. Jurisdiction

2.1 The Appropriate Authority shall have full power and jurisdiction to act in relation to all disciplinary matters, including the power to hold inquiries and impose punishments or take such action as it sees fit, concerning the following:

2.1.1 possible breaches of the Rules; and

2.1.2 conduct [whether in breach of the Rules or not] which is believed seriously prejudicial to the interests of the ABAE and/or which brings the sport into disrepute [such wording may be adopted to describe any offence which is not clearly defined in its nature ie: assault;

This power and jurisdiction shall be in respect of and in relation to all 'Registered' Individuals, Clubs, Divisions and Associations [or any officer or member thereof], volunteers, coach[es] or officials of the ABAE.

2.2 The conduct of any disciplinary hearings held under these Procedures shall be determined by the Chairman of the Disciplinary or Appeals Panel [as appropriate]; the recommended procedure is set out within the document 'Procedures at Discipline Hearing' and at Paragraph 11 of these procedures.

It should be noted that Disciplinary and Appeals Panels are not governed by rules of court or legislative provision [see paragraph 12.1] however; chairpersons must ensure at all times that common sense, fairness and natural justice prevails.

2.3 The Appropriate Authority shall be entitled to delegate their powers in respect of disciplinary matters to a Disciplinary Officer [in favour of a Complainant] who shall upon appointment be the person responsible for bringing each disciplinary case against the relevant Respondent[s].

2.4 The role of the Disciplinary Officer [and not the Complainant] shall include, when directed by the Secretary, Operations Manager or Equity Manager of the Appropriate Authority the formulation of the Notice of Charge and Notice of Hearing.

2.5 Subject to the direction of the Appropriate Authority, Equity Manager, Operations Manager or Chairman of the relevant Panel, either the Complainant or the Disciplinary Officer shall present the case against the Respondent before the Appropriate Authority's Disciplinary Panel and/or any subsequent appeal hearing.

2.6 Unless delegated otherwise, the Secretary, Operations Manager or Equity Manager shall be responsible for ensuring due notice is provided to all parties in all proceedings of all times, dates and venues of all such proceedings.