



Tribunal Quick Guide 2017

Once the decision has been made to attend the Tribunal, the reported person and his/her club should:

1. Decide who the Advocate will be. The Tribunal believes that all reported persons should be represented. An advocate can be a legally trained person.
2. Determine who will be witnesses.
3. Advise AFL Sydney of the witnesses, including name, qualification and the substance of the evidence. It is expected that witnesses will attend the tribunal. Telephone evidence will only be considered by the Tribunal in exceptional circumstances. This information **MUST** be received by AFL Sydney no later than midday on the day of the hearing. No other evidence will be accepted by the Tribunal.
4. Provide any video evidence or medical evidence it intends to produce, prior to midday of the hearing, to AFL Sydney.

Please note:

1. Should the reported person be not available to attend the hearing, a Statutory Declaration will be provided by the reported person stating the reason for their non-attendance, and also indicating whether they want the matter heard in their absence
2. Advocates cannot provide evidence, and witnesses cannot be advocates
3. The reported person and their advocate must produce a pre-sentence report to the tribunal once a determination of guilt has been given.

AFL Sydney will supply representation:

- To umpires who lay a match day report.
- When prosecuting a Citing/ Code of Conduct issue. On such occasions a Club that has submitted the Citing may provide a person from the Club to assist the prosecutor.
- When defending an Appeal.

PROCEDURE FOR HEARING AN UMPIRE'S REPORT

TRIBUNAL OPENED. REPORTED PERSON AND UMPIRE IDENTIFIED. REPORT READ TO PLAYER, WHO IS ASKED TO PLEAD 'GUILTY OR 'NOT GUILTY' TO THE REPORT

The player's advocate does not plead on the player's behalf

A. PLAYER PLEADS NOT GUILTY

1. WITNESSES ASKED TO LEAVE THE ROOM
2. UMPIRE'S EVIDENCE (WITH ASSISTANCE OF ADVOCATE (IF NEED BE))
3. UMPIRE QUESTIONED BY PLAYER'S ADVOCATE
4. UMPIRE MAY BE QUESTIONED BY TRIBUNAL AT ANY TIME
5. PLAYER'S EVIDENCE (WITH ASSISTANCE OF ADVOCATE (IF NEED BE))
6. PLAYER QUESTIONED BY UMPIRE'S ADVOCATE
7. PLAYER MAY BE QUESTIONED BY TRIBUNAL AT ANY TIME
8. UMPIRE ALLOWED TO CLARIFY EVIDENCE THROUGH ADVOCATE
9. UMPIRE'S WITNESSED CALLED:
 - questioned by umpire's advocate
 - questioned by player's advocate
 - clarification by umpire's advocate
 - Umpire witnesses may be questioned by Tribunal at any time
10. PLAYER ALLOWED TO CLARIFY EVIDENCE THROUGH ADVOCATE
11. PLAYER'S WITNESSES CALLED:
 - questioned by player's advocate
 - questioned by umpire's advocate
 - clarification by player's advocate
 - Player witnesses may be questioned by tribunal at any time
12. ADVOCATES SUM UP
13. TRIBUNAL RETIRES TO CONSIDER FINDING

REPORT DISMISSED

OR

PLAYER FOUND GUILTY

A. PLAYER PLEADS GUILTY

1. WITNESSES ASKED TO LEAVE THE ROOM
2. PLAYER'S EVIDENCE
3. UMPIRE'S EVIDENCE
 - which should just supplement or traverse player's account of what he has admitted to
4. UMPIRE AND PLAYER QUESTIONED AS NEED REQUIRES
5. WITNESSES CALLED AND EXAMINED

PROCEED TO B.

B. PRE-SENTENCE REPORT HANDED UP

PLAYER'S ADVOCATE MAKES SUBMISSION ON PENALTY

TRIBUNAL RETIRES TO CONSIDER PENALTY

PENALTY ANNOUNCED