



NRL JUDICIARY OVERVIEW

Within 24 hrs of a match, the Match Review Committee:

- » forms a view that on the evidence there is a reasonable prospect of the player being found guilty of an offence
- » lays charge (& grading) against a player for misconduct.

Judiciary secretary issues notice of charge (& pre-determined penalty) to relevant club including particulars and hawk-eye footage of the incident.

Player decides whether to accept an early guilty plea or defend the charge at a judiciary hearing.*

Player accepts early guilty plea.

Player receives a discount on penalty for an early plea.

Proceedings are concluded: player serves penalty.

Player elects to contest charge.

Matter is heard at a judiciary hearing on Tuesday night. Hearing is chaired by Justice Geoff Bellew.

Evidence and submissions are made by counsel representing both the NRL and player.

Player pleads either:

- » not guilty, or
- » guilty (but disputes grading)

On the balance of probabilities, a panel of three determine whether the player is guilty or not guilty if the offence ▲

Not guilty: proceedings are concluded.

Guilty: player serves penalty. **▲▲

* For matches on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, player must decide before 12pm Monday; for Sunday matches, player must decide before 12pm Tuesday.
 ▲ Panel consist of former players, coaches and referees.
 ** Once guilt has been determined, submissions are made on grading and penalty.
 ▲ Aggrieved players/clubs have a right to appeal decision to NRL Appeals Committee