

BFNL Bylaw Breach Policy

Purpose

This policy outlines the process for handling situations where a Club is found in breach of any of the BFNL General, Football, or Netball Bylaws, resulting in a penalty or fine imposed under these bylaws.

Scope

This policy applies to all Clubs within the Ballarat Football Netball League (BFNL) when they are found to be in breach of any BFNL General, Football, or Netball Bylaw.

Process

1. Notification of a Breach

When a Club is found in breach of a Bylaw, the BFNL Operations Staff will send an email notifying the Club of the breach and any associated penalties. The email will provide details of the breach and the corresponding penalty.

2. Grounds for Response

The Club has the right to contest the breach and provide a response as to why the breach occurred. The Club must submit a written response within five (5) business days of receiving the notification of breach.

3. Submission of Response

- The response must be submitted in writing on the Club's official letterhead and signed by the senior club president.
- The response must be emailed to the BFNL Operations Staff.
- The Club's response must clearly explain the reasons for the breach and provide justification for why the imposed penalty should be reconsidered or dismissed.

4. Review of Response and Outcome

Upon receipt of the response, the BFNL Board will review the case. The Board will consider all relevant information before determining the appropriate course of action.

5. Appeals

If the Club wishes to appeal the decision made by the BFNL Board, they may do so in accordance with Section 39 of the BFNL Constitution: Disputes and Mediation.



Exclusions

This appeals process does not apply to any appeals governed by the processes of external bodies, including:

- AFL Victoria Rules
- Netball Victoria
- National Community Football Policy Handbook

