

**HEARING FORMAT****MATCH COMMITTEE REVIEWS-REFUSAL TO GRANT CLEARANCE**

Ref. Rules &amp; Regulation 44.4.1

**PRESENT AT HEARING**

Individual player, one advocate from the review requesting club and one from the current club. Prospective witnesses must wait outside.

1. Introduction of those present and confirmation that the club has requested a review on behalf of the respective player(s).
2. The player or his advocate gives reasons why a clearance is sought to the new club. Further facts can be drawn by the committee or either advocate.
3. Witness may be called by the requesting club with question to be asked
4. The advocate for his former (current) club outlines reasons why the clearance should be denied. Further facts can be drawn by the committee or requester's advocate.
5. Witnesses may be called by the current (former) club with questions to be asked.
6. The requesting club sums up as to why the clearance should be granted.
7. The former (current) club sums up as to why the clearance should not be granted.
8. All parties leave the room to allow the Committee to deliberate. The decisions will be by simple majority. In the case of a tied vote the review will be deemed to have failed.
9. All parties return for the announcement of the decision.

Under Rules and Regulation 5.5 a club or player affected by the decision of the Match Committee shall have the right to have the matter referred to the Appeals Committee. In order to save time, where the grounds for refusing applications are similar and involve the same two clubs it may be possible, subject to agreement from the respective advocate and the Committee to conduct all or part of a hearing concurrently.