

## Breach of Rules Procedure

1. BPE authority with regard to breach of rules or procedures can only directly apply where such breach relates to BPE member events and Crown Awards.
2. It is possible the BPE may receive advice from another body that an individual has been found guilty of an offence and that such information may require the BPE to take action. BPE events apply the same list of banned entrants, as issued by the PAGB, irrespective of whether that BPE event enjoys PAGB patronage.
3. Initial action, in relation to any breach of rules or procedures, is the responsibility of the organising authority for the BPE event in question which should endeavour to resolve the issue without reference to BPE. It is possible that the organising authority may request guidance from the BPE, which, in general, will be given where appropriate. However any such guidance will not relieve the organising authority of their responsibility to resolve the matter locally.
4. Subject to Paragraph 3, anyone wishing to pursue a complaint, or provide other information about an alleged breach of the rules or procedures, should contact the BPE, including their name and contact details, outlining the details and requesting that the BPE take appropriate action to investigate.
5. On receipt of such a communication, the matter will be referred to the BPE Executive to propose a course of action to be followed in investigating the issue. Such action will vary depending on the nature of the complaint but may include convening a panel of up to 3 elected members of the Executive to assist in the investigation. The panel will be free to call for additional information from anyone likely to be able to assist in their deliberations.
6. In the event that a complaint against an entrant is upheld, levels of sanction could include a warning, disqualification, ban, or removal of Crown Awards, and it will be for the investigation to recommend suitable action in each individual case.
7. With regard to restitution, if the complaint is upheld then, wherever possible, efforts should be made to return the situation to the position that would have prevailed if the offence had not been committed or any offending image(s) had not been submitted..
8. The investigating panel will report their findings and recommendations to the Chairman of the BPE and, if appropriate, to the PAGB without undue delay. Once a final decision has been agreed it will be communicated to the original complainant and any others that it is deemed suitable to inform, paying due regard to the possibility that there may be an appeal.
9. Any appeal against any decision taken under the above procedure must be communicated within 30 days of the date of notification of the decision. Such appeal will be considered by a panel comprising the BPE chairman and two of the BPE executive. The decision of this panel will be final.