



## **R&A Rules Limited**

### **Procedure for Reinstatement of Amateur Status**

#### **1. General**

- 1.1 In order to deal with routine or straightforward applications for reinstatement to Amateur Status in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status (the "Rules") as efficiently as possible, these shall be considered, in the first instance, by a Sub-Committee of the full Amateur Status Committee (the "Sub-Committee").
- 1.2 The Sub-Committee shall comprise the Chairman of the Amateur Status Committee, the Director of Rules and Equipment Standards and the Assistant Director - Rules and decisions shall be taken by a minimum of two of the above individuals who must reach unanimous agreement.

#### **2. Receipt of Application and Initial Consideration by Sub-Committee**

- 2.1 On receipt of an application for reinstatement to Amateur Status, the Sub-Committee shall review the application and either:
  - 2.1.1 Reinstatement immediately;
  - 2.1.2 Prescribe a period awaiting reinstatement, based on the guidelines contained in Rule 9-2b of the Rules;
  - 2.1.3 Deny reinstatement.
- 2.2 The Sub-Committee shall inform the person applying for reinstatement (the "Player") of its decision and the reasons for it, in writing no later than 42 days after receipt by the Sub-Committee of the Player's application for reinstatement. The Player shall also be informed at this time that he has the right to request in writing and within 14 days of the date of the Sub-Committee's letter that his application be considered by the full Amateur Status Committee.
- 2.3 Where requested to do so by any member of the Sub-Committee, and prior to any determination being made under paragraph 2.1 above, the Sub-Committee shall refer the matter to the full Amateur Status Committee. The Player shall be informed in writing that the full Amateur Status Committee will review his application and of a reasonable timescale for this.
- 2.4 Pending review by the full Amateur Status Committee of the application, any decision taken by the Sub-Committee shall remain in full effect.

#### **3. Consideration by the Full Amateur Status Committee**

- 3.1 Upon receipt of the Player's written request to have his application considered by the full Amateur Status Committee (the "Committee") under paragraph 2.2,

or where consideration is to be undertaken by the Committee by reason of the operation of paragraph 2.3, the Sub-Committee shall pass the application and all relevant papers to the Committee as soon as practicable.

- 3.2 The Committee shall consider these papers, and the circumstances of the application, and may write to the Player requesting further information, comments or representations in writing within 14 days of the date of the Committee's letter.
- 3.3 Following receipt of any further information, comments or representations from the Player or, where the Committee considers that it has sufficient information to determine the matter, it may either:
  - 3.3.1 Reinstate Amateur Status immediately;
  - 3.3.2 Prescribe a period awaiting reinstatement, based on the guidelines contained in Rule 9-2b of the Rules;
  - 3.3.3 Deny reinstatement.
- 3.4 In order to deal with cases as efficiently as possible, most applications will be considered on the papers only and the Committee will not meet in order to reach a decision. In such cases paragraph 3.5 will apply. If, however, it is considered necessary to meet in order to reach a decision on any particular case paragraph 3.5 does not apply and instead paragraphs 3.6 and 3.7 will apply to such a case.
- 3.5 Where the Committee reaches a decision without meeting, the Committee shall inform the Player in writing of its decision, and the reasons for it no later than 42 days after its receipt of the Player's letter requesting a full review of his application under paragraph 2.2 above; or where the case is passed directly to the Committee under paragraph 2.3 above, then in whatever timescale that Committee has indicated in writing to the Player. The Player shall also be informed at this time of his right to appeal the decision of the Committee to the Appeals Committee in accordance with the R&A Rules of Appeal.
- 3.6 Where it is considered necessary to meet in order to reach a decision in relation to any particular case, cases will, where practicable, be allocated to the next available Committee meeting. The Committee usually meets only three times per year. Where a case reaches the Committee, whether referred under either paragraph 2.2 or 2.3, at least one month before the next meeting of the Committee, it will usually be practicable to hear the case at that sitting of the Committee. In other cases, in order to allow for the collection of further information and consideration of that information the case may need to be considered at the meeting following the next available meeting of the Committee.
- 3.7 Following its consideration of a case under paragraph 3.6, the Committee shall inform the Applicant in writing of its decision, and the reasons for it, no later than 42 days after the date of the meeting at which the case was considered. The Applicant shall also be informed at this stage of his right to appeal the decision of the Committee to the Appeals Committee in accordance with the R&A Rules of Appeal.
- 3.8 Pending appeal of the decision of the Committee to the Appeals Committee the Committee's decision shall remain in full effect.

4. **Grounds for Appeal**

- 4.1 An appeal of the decision by the Committee may be made by the Player to the Appeals Committee within 42 days of the date of the Committee's decision letter.
- 4.2 An appeal may be made only on one or more of the following grounds:
  - 4.2.1 The Committee's decision was based on a misapplication of the Rules;
  - 4.2.2 The Committee's decision was not supported by the facts before it;
  - 4.2.3 The Committee's decision was procedurally flawed in a material way;
  - 4.2.4 The period awaiting reinstatement imposed by the Committee was excessive.
- 4.3 Any appeal shall be carried out in accordance with the R& A Rules of Appeal.