



## AWEBSA RULE 17 OF 2014: DISCIPLINARY PENALTIES

### INTRODUCTION

It is a founding principle that members and or clubs who contravene the Code of Conduct, the AWEBSA Constitution and any approved Rule shall be dealt with fairly, reasonably, without bias and in accordance with the disciplinary process of the Association. It is and should never be the settling of personal differences.

The various Committees tasked with disciplinary action have the powers to impose the following penalties:

- R17.1 Verbally reprimand or caution a club or member for minor first offences.
- R17.2 Reprimand and caution a club or member, in writing, for more serious offences and repeat minor offences.
- R17.3 Provisional disqualification of a club or a member in allegations where fraud and theft are suspected and further investigation or the outcome of SAPS action is awaited.
- R17.4 Imposing a fine not exceeding R10 000, 00.
- R17.5 Suspension of a member for a period of time not exceeding one (1) year:
  - R17.5.1 From taking part in or having any connection with, or attending any Show; or
  - R17.5.2 From enjoying the rights and privileges of a member.
- R17.6 Suspension of a Club for a period of time not exceeding one (1) year:
  - R17.6.1 From taking part in or having any connection with any Show; or
  - R17.6.2 From enjoying the rights and privileges of a Club; or
  - R17.6.3 From taking part in any Association affairs.
- R17.7 In the cases of serious misconduct the permanent expulsion (for life) of the member from the Club and Association.

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- R17.8 In the cases of serious misconduct the permanent expulsion (for life) of a Club from the Association.
- R17.9 The return, refund or pay back (in cases of theft or fraud).
- R17.10 Some of the penalties may be imposed simultaneously.
- R17.11 Suspending any portion of the penalty imposed for a period as determined by it but not exceeding two (2) years.
- R17.12 In addition the Disciplinary Committee could recommend to the Governing body the following:
- R17.12.1 Laying of a criminal charge against the accused member, or
  - R17.12.2 Instituting a civil claim against the accused member.
- R17.13 Any exhibitor found by the Show Committee to have made a false entry for any exhibit shall forfeit all awards at the Show concerned and will be disqualified. The Show Committee shall determine whether such disqualification shall further apply on some other basis to the membership of the exhibitor of the Association and make an appropriate recommendation to the Awebsa EXCO.