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1. If an Affiliated Senior Club or Affiliated Junior Club objects to a clearance application by a player, the Chief Executive Officer shall notify the player of the objections and if requested to do so by the player, shall refer the application to the Permit Committee to be dealt with under that Committee's procedures.
2. Every player, after having been refused a clearance to play with another club within the EFL, may appeal to the Permit Committee. Any player may appeal once only in the season.
3. The appeal must be lodged within seven days of receipt of the refusal by the club to which the player seeks a clearance that such clearance has been refused. Failure to lodge an appeal within seven days will result in the player having to submit a further clearance and have such clearance refused before any appeal can be heard.
4. The appeal must be lodged by the player and NOT by the club to which he seeks a clearance. The player may indicate all his reasons for seeking a clearance to the club he wishes to compete with.
5. The player must lodge a bond of \$250.00 together with his appeal. The club refusing the clearance, if intending to defend the appeal, must also lodge a \$250.00 bond a minimum of 3 clear prior to the scheduled date of the appeal.
6. All bond monies will be repaid in whole or part at the completion of the hearing, unless the hearing is considered frivolous. Any club who fails to lodge the bond, the Committee may register the player with the club he seeks a clearance to.
7. The Chief Executive Officer shall call all parties together for conducting a hearing not later than ten days after all bond monies and appeals have been satisfactorily lodged with the League.
8. If the player or refusing club withdraws the appeal or objection within forty-eight hours prior to the scheduled hearing, the bond of the withdrawing party may be forfeited in whole or part at the discretion of the Permit Committee.
9. The Chief Executive Officer shall inform all parties of the hearing date at which all parties shall present themselves for the appeal.
10. The player may be represented by a friend who shall not be a solicitor or barrister. The club may be represented by two members of its Committee.

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Procedure

Any player said to be un-financial by the refusing club shall be ineligible to appeal unless the player intends challenging his financial status.

1. The Chief Executive Officer or his assistant shall invite all parties into the appeal room and shall introduce the following:
 - (a) The Permit Committee
 - (b) The player
 - (c) The club refusing the clearance
 - (d) The club to which the player sought a clearance.
2. The Chief Executive Officer shall acquaint all Permit Committee members with all relevant facts relating to the appeal:
 - (a) Date of registration
 - (b) Date of refusal
 - (c) Date of lodgement of appeal
 - (d) Date of lodgement of bonds.
3. The Chief Executive Officer or his assistant shall read to all concerned any correspondence from the player to which the Permit Committee Chairman will invite the player to add any further comments.
4. If any player claims to derive the whole or part of his livelihood from playing football, he shall produce to the Permit Committee proof of all matter relevant to deriving his livelihood.
5. The Permit Committee Chairman may question the player and may, at his discretion, invite the Permit Committee members to question the player at their convenience.
6. The Permit Committee Chairman shall invite the club refusing the clearance to give reasons why registration should not be permitted. At this time, the club refusing the clearance may rebut any statements of the player.
7. The Permit Committee Chairman, at his discretion, may question the club refusing the clearance and may invite members of the Permit Committee to further question the club refusing the clearance. Points of clarification may, at this time, be invited by the Permit Committee Chairman and/or the player or the club refusing the clearance.
8. The club to which the player seeks a registration shall be invited to address the Appeal Committee at which time the Permit Committee Chairman, Committee, player and club refusing the clearance may ask questions of the club to which the player seeks a clearance.
9. The Permit Committee Chairman shall invite all parties to raise final points and final questions before asking the player to summarise his case thereby closing the appeal.

10. The Permit Committee Chairman shall direct all parties to retire while the Permit Committee considers the appeal.
11. The Chief Executive Officer shall invite all parties to return and the Permit Committee Chairman shall make the following statement:

"On the evidence presented here tonight, the decision of the Permit Committee has been to..."

No discussions will take place after the appeal and all parties should leave quietly.