



The Photographic Alliance of Great Britain

Breach of Rules Procedure

1. PAGB authority with regard to breach of rules or procedures can only directly apply where such breach relates to PAGB competitions, events enjoying PAGB Patronage or the PAGB Awards.
2. It is possible the PAGB may receive advice from another body that an individual has been found guilty of an offence and that such information may require the PAGB to take action.
3. Initial action in relation to any breach of rules or procedures is the responsibility of the organising authority for the competition or event in question who should endeavour to resolve the issue without reference to the PAGB. It is possible that the organising authority may request guidance from the PAGB, 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 write to the Secretary of the PAGB outlining the details and requesting that the PAGB take appropriate action to investigate.
5. On receipt of such a communication, the Secretary will refer the matter to the Chairman of the Standards sub-committee who will inform the EC and propose a course of action to be followed to investigate 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 EC 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 the complaint is upheld, levels of sanction could include a warning, disqualification, or removal of 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 Chairman of the Standards sub-committee will report their findings and recommendations to the executive 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 chaired by the President of the PAGB together with the Vice President, Secretary and Immediate Past President. The decision of this panel will be final.