

REPORT OF THE APPEAL COMMITTEE

On appeal by Laurence Gough against the decision of the Council of the Irish Amateur Fencing Federation, the Committee was appointed under Article 8 section (iii) to hear the matter and to endorse or reject the decision of expulsion according to their findings.

The meetings of the Committee took place at 20 Earlsfort Terrace on 24th August and at 17 Pembroke Road on 24th and 29th August.

Composition:-

Chairman	P. Toal	Aer Lingus F.C.
	Miss C. Devaney	D.U.F.C.
	Count Azzo von Rezzori di Rezza	U.C.D.F.C.
	L. Spivak	Salle Duffy
	T. Carew	D.U.F.C.

The members of the Committee were appointed by the Chairman of the Federation as provided in Article 8 Section (iii). They were not members of the Council, with the exception of T. Carew who was not in the country at the time of the decision. On being reminded of his right to challenge the said member, Mr. Gough said that he was satisfied.

CHARGES AGAINST MR. GOUGH INVESTIGATED BY THE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Gough is charged with conduct detrimental to the interests and character of the Federation in that:-

- (a) He failed to use the machinery available to him whereby he could make personal representations either through his club representative on the Council, or by requesting a personal appearance before the full Council.
- (b) He gave misleading information to the Olympic Council of Ireland.

GROUND OF APPEAL SUBMITTED BY MR. GOUGH.

- (a) The decision of the Council on 6th August was invalid because Article 8, section (ii) of the Constitution of the Irish Amateur Fencing Federation was not observed.
- (b) The decision was contrary to natural justice.
- (c) No co-operation was forthcoming from the representative of U.C.D.F.C. on the Council.
- (d) Mr. Gough was discouraged from using the machinery available to him because:-
 - (i) On a previous occasion the machinery had not been found very workable.
 - (ii) A letter from the Chairman, in reply to a letter from his mother, recommended that the matter should not be pursued.

FINDING OF THE APPEAL COMMITTEE.

The Committee endorses the decision of the Council on 6th August, except as to the date from which expulsion should take effect, this being 2nd September, 1968.

P. Toal.

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Chairman.