



## **APPEALS AND DEPOSITS – LAWS & ETHICS COMMITTEE GUIDANCE**

The following guidance for members of Appeal Committees at EBU events was agreed by the Laws & Ethics Committee at its meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2004.

### ***Appeals and deposits***

The Committee should:-

1. Ensure that a deposit has been taken (or that there is a satisfactory reason as to why not which is noted on the form).
2. Decide at the conclusion of the appeal as to whether the deposit should be withheld. That decision is based on whether the Committee considered that the appeal lacked merit, and will take into account:-
  - (a) whether the Committee reached a swift and unanimous decision; and
  - (b) the standard of the players concerned.

Please note that the personal views of Appeal Committee members on whether keeping deposits is right, or other extraneous factors such as the appellants being kept waiting, are not acceptable reasons for returning a deposit.

3. NOT enquire or take heed of whether the appellant has taken advice before coming to the appeal.

Section 93.4.5 of the *White Book* provides further information.