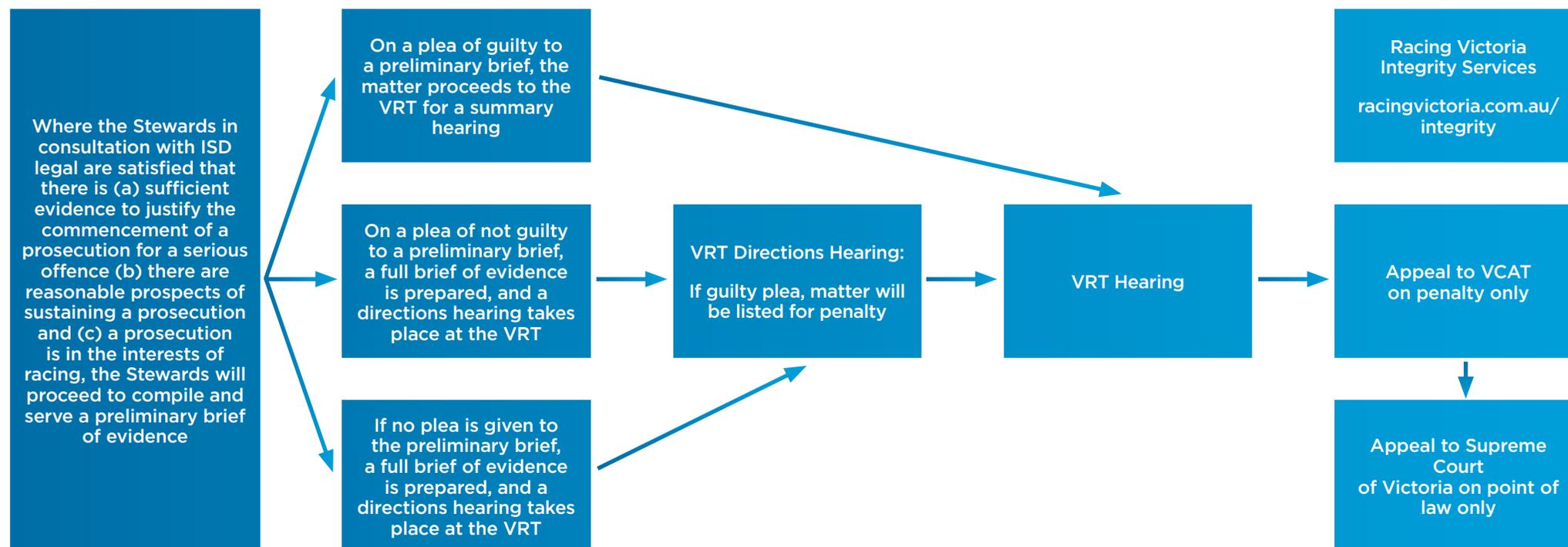


# RACING VICTORIA PROSECUTION PROCESS (SERIOUS OFFENCES)



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Please note that the above process map is provided as a guide only. Participants should note the following:

1. In accordance with section 50C(c) of the Racing Act, the VRT has the power to hear and determine charges that are defined as 'serious offences' under the Rule of Racing. Charges relating to serious offences will be sent directly to the VRT by the Stewards.
2. The Preliminary Brief contains a charge sheet of serious offences, a summary of the alleged offending and factual circumstances of the case with supporting evidence.
3. In the Preliminary Brief, participants will be asked to indicate their plea intention in relation to the charge(s). If the participant indicates a plea of guilty, the participant has the right to a summary hearing of the matter at the VRT. A summary hearing means that the hearing is on penalty only.

4. Where you plead not guilty or reserve or change your plea, a full brief of evidence is prepared. A contested VRT hearing on liability and penalty then takes place as arranged at a VRT Directions' Hearing <https://djsir.vic.gov.au/victorian-racing-tribunal/faqs>
5. Section 83OH of the Racing Act permits reviews by VCAT of decisions of the VRT with regard to penalty only. VCAT will also be bound by the findings of fact made by the Tribunal. [www.vcat.vic.gov.au/case-types/review-and-regulation/application-for-review-of-a-decision/racing-act-1958-review](http://www.vcat.vic.gov.au/case-types/review-and-regulation/application-for-review-of-a-decision/racing-act-1958-review)
6. You can appeal a VCAT decision but only on a question of law - [www.vcat.vic.gov.au/the-vcat-process/decisions/appeal-a-decision](http://www.vcat.vic.gov.au/the-vcat-process/decisions/appeal-a-decision)