







## Court Allocation per Offence

Ref: *Sefer Shoftim, Hilchot Sanhedrin, Chapter 5*

	High Court <i>Sanhedrin Hagadol</i> 71 Judges	Minor <i>Sanhedrin</i> 23 Judges	<i>Bet Din</i> 3 Judges	Other	Explanation
Coronation of King	✓				
Majority of a whole tribe who was led astray to idolatry	✓				
False prophet	✓				
High Priest in capital punishment case	✓				
Financial case involving High Priest			✓		
Appointment of Minor <i>Sanhedrin</i>	✓				
<i>Sotah</i>	✓				
Extension of <i>Yerushalayim</i>	✓				
Extension of <i>Azarah</i>	✓				
Voluntary war	✓				
<i>Egel Arufah</i> . To measure distance between corpse and nearest city	✓				
Cases of capital punishment including where animal involved	✓	✓			 <i>Divrei Kabalah</i>
Rebellious leaders	✓				
<i>Motzi shem ra</i> on one's wife		✓			Because if found to be true woman would have to get <i>skilah</i> (death by stoning)
Cases involving <i>malkot</i> (lashes)			✓		Even though he may die from the lashes
<i>Egel Arufah</i> (the decapitation of the calf)				✓ 5 judges	
<i>Ibur Chodesh</i> (whether month should be 30 or 31 days)			✓		 <b>Reminder:</b> Pack on Astronomy 
<i>Ibur shanah</i> (whether to add extra month to year)				✓ 7 judges	

<p><i>Knas</i> (Financial punishments)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Gezelah</i> (robbery)</li> <li>• <i>Chovel</i> (personal injury)</li> <li>• 2x – payment – <i>genevah</i></li> <li>• 4x – stolen sheep</li> <li>• 5x – stolen ox</li> <li>• <i>Anas</i> – (rape)</li> <li>• <i>Mefateh</i> (seducer)etc</li> </ul>	<p><b>Reminder:</b> Pack on Fines</p> 	✓		<p>These are cases with financial penalties additional to the cost of damages. Can only be expropriated in Diaspora by someone who have received <i>semichah</i> in <i>Eretz Yisrael</i></p>	
<p>Financial cases which do not involve <i>knas</i></p> <p><b>Reminder:</b> Pack on Finances</p> 			<p>3 ordinary people or 1 judge</p>	<p>E.g. Financial loss, loans, property damage. But uncommon cases not judged in Diaspora These can be judged by someone lacking <i>semichah</i></p>	
<p>Damages which are calculated according to a person's worth i.e. <i>nezek</i> (damages) <i>tzaar</i> (pain) and <i>boshet</i> (embarrassment)</p> <p><b>Reminder:</b> Pack on Damages</p> 			×	<p>Not judged by someone lacking <i>semichah</i>. Also for pain and embarrassment there is no financial loss.</p>	
<p>Damages of <i>shevet</i> (inability to work) and <i>ripuy</i> (medical expense) in Diaspora.</p>		✓		<p>These involve financial loss</p>	
<p>Damages caused by an animal enjoying itself or trampling on, in Diaspora i.e. natural tendency of animal</p>			✓	<p>Because it does happen commonly</p>	
<p>Damages by animal goring in Diaspora</p>			×	<p>Extremely rare</p>	<p>It is rare for a tam to gore. Although it is not rare for a <i>muad</i> to gore, it is rare to find a <i>muad</i> in the Diaspora because the warning has to take place in a court made up of judges who received <i>semichah</i> in <i>Eretz Yisrael</i>.</p>

Although judges of the Diaspora cannot force the defendant to pay the *knas* to the plaintiff, they can place him in *nidui* (ban) until he pays voluntarily or goes before judges who have real *semichah*. Once the defendant pays or goes before judges who have *semichah*, the *nidui* is lifted.

**Reminder:**  
Pack on Misbehaviour

