



Appeals Policy

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The ASA is committed to providing an environment in which all individuals involved with the ASA are treated with respect and fairness. The ASA provides individuals with this Appeal Policy to enable fair, affordable, and expedient appeals of certain decisions made by the ASA. Further, some decisions made by the process outlined in the ASA Discipline and Complaints Policy may be appealed under this Policy.

2.0 Scope and Application

- 2.1 Any Affiliated Member or person participating in affiliated/sanctioned soccer has a right to appeal decisions affecting their status.
- 2.2 The decision of the ASA Discipline Committee cannot then be appealed by the Affiliated Member who administered the original sanctions.
- 2.3 The first avenue of appeal must follow the appeal process of the ASA or Affiliated Member who applied the original suspension.
- 2.3.1 Appeals Process for an Affiliated Member or Person:
- i. District Discipline
 - ii. District Appeal Committee
 - iii. District/Association/Federation Board of Directors
- 2.4 The next avenue of appeal is through the ASA Appeals Committee which shall decide whether leave to appeal shall be granted.
- 2.5 When appealing a decision of the Affiliated Member, the following must be submitted to the ASA Office.
- 2.5.1 A written appeal signed and dated by the party to whom the judgment has been brought, within five (5) working days of receipt of the decision.
- 2.5.2 An appeal fee made payable to the Alberta Soccer Association.
- 2.5.2.1 The Appeal fee will be returned if the appeal is not granted and an ASA Appeals Committee hearing is not scheduled.
- 2.5.2.2 The Appeal fee will be returned in its entirety if the appeal is heard and the decision overturned in its entirety.



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3.0 Grounds for Appeals

- 3.1 Failure to meet the ASA guidelines for discipline as outlined in the ASA Policy on Discipline and Complaints.
- 3.2 Failure to follow the guidelines for Affiliated Member Appeals & Discipline Procedures.
- 3.3 Discipline Committee was biased or influenced by bias.
- 3.4 Leave for Appeal shall not be granted to challenge the results of a hearing or because of ignorance of the ASA Regulations on Discipline and Appeals.

4.0 Timelines for Appeals

- 4.1 Suspensions or other sanctions will remain in effect until the decisions of the ASA Appeals Committee are released.
- 4.2 Appeal hearings will be heard within twenty (20) days of receipt of a written appeal.

5.0 Appeals Hearing Procedure

- 5.1 All appeals granted shall follow the procedure outlined in ASA Discipline and Complaints Regulations.
- 5.2 Appeals of decisions made by the ASA Appeals Committee are submitted to Canada Soccer.