



Appeals Policy

Objective:

Any player or Team Official who feels aggrieved with a decision rendered by the NCHA Board of Directors may be able appeal the decision. Any appeal will be heard by the Board of Directors or a Special Committee at the discretion of the President and as approved by the Board. The player or Team Official must appear at the hearing and it will not proceed in the absence of the player or Team Official, unless it is determined by the Board of Directors or Special Committee.

Applicability:

This policy applies to all NCHA members.

Process:

The following outlines the ice appeal process:

Decisions Rendered by the Board of Directors – any appeal decision rendered by the Board of Directors shall be final and no longer subject to further appeal within the NCHA.

Appeals Procedure

1. Appeals may be heard by the Board of Directors or Special Committee so long as they are submitted in writing, along with a \$50 appeal fee, no fewer than 24 hours and no longer than one week after a decision by the Board of Directors has been rendered. If a written and signed appeal is not received in that time frame then the appeal will not be heard.
2. All written appeals submitted must clearly indicate the ruling that is being appealed as well as copies of any supporting and pertinent documentation. Once the written appeal has been received within the above mentioned time frame, the Board of Directors will set a date for the hearing no sooner than 72 hours after receipt of the appeal.
3. If any other player, Team Official, member of the Board of Directors or volunteer may be potentially impacted, affected or otherwise involved with



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- the situation that is appealed they may be asked to attend at the discretion of the Board of Directors or Special Committee.
4. Where a player or Team Official has been suspended by the NCHA Board of Directors, the decision is eligible for appeal based on the procedures laid out above.
 5. Any player or Team Official which withdraws from or cancels a scheduled hearing less than 48 hours from the time scheduled for the hearing will be assessed a fine of no less than \$100. The Board of Directors or Special Committee reserves the right to waive the fine in the event of exceptional circumstances.

Appeal Application Fee - In all circumstances where an appeal is granted NCHA will retain the \$50 appeal fee. In all circumstances where an appeal is disallowed then the \$50 appeal fee will be returned to the applicant along with a description and full disclosure of why the appeal was not heard.

Appeals of Past Decisions – If a player or Team Official who may feel aggrieved by the decision of the Board of Directors or Special Committee with regards to their appeal may appeal to the Northern Ontario Hockey Association in accordance with NOHA Regulation 15.