



MANITOBA MAJOR SOCCER LEAGUE



APPEALS COMMITTEE POLICY

Article 13 Protests and Appeals

PROTESTS

- 13.01 Any protest shall be limited to incidents and events arising out of a game in a competition played under the jurisdiction of the M.M.S.L.
- 13.02 A protest can only be submitted by one of the two Member teams involved in a game being played under the jurisdiction of the M.M.S.L.
- 13.03 Any protest must be submitted on a prescribed League application form; regarding an alleged contravention of the League's Constitution, By-Laws, rules or policies by another Member team.
- 13.04 A protest application form must be accompanied by a fee of \$150.00; payable to the M.M.S.L. in accordance with prescribed policies and procedures.
- 13.05 A protest application form and the \$150.00 fee must be submitted to the M.M.S.L., in accordance with prescribed policies and procedures, within 24 hours of the end of a game or competition that involved the alleged contravention, by another Member team, of the League's Constitution, By-Laws, rules or policies.
- 13.06 All protest applications shall be considered by the M.M.S.L. Governance Committee.
- 13.07 The Governance Committee shall render a decision within 24 hours of receiving a completed protest application form and required fee.
- 13.08 The decision of the Governance Committee shall be forwarded to the applicant, in accordance with prescribed policies and procedures, within 48 hours of receiving a completed protest application form and required fee.
- 13.09 Notwithstanding the above, any elected officer of the Board of Directors, with the exception of any elected officer serving on the Governance Committee; may submit a protest to the Governance Committee in accordance with Articles 13.03 and 13.05. An elected officer of the Board of Directors will not have to comply with the requirements of Article 13.04.



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- 13.10 Any party may request an appeal of a decision of the Discipline Committee or Governance Committee made against that party.
- 13.11 An appeal request must be submitted on a prescribed League application form.
- 13.12 An appeal application form must be accompanied by a fee of \$150.00; payable to the M.M.S.L. in accordance with prescribed policies and procedures.
- 13.13 An appeal application form and the \$150.00 fee must be submitted to the M.M.S.L., in accordance with prescribed policies and procedures, within 10 calendar days of the appellant acknowledging receipt of the decision of the Discipline Committee or Governance Committee that is being appealed.
- 13.14 An appeal application shall be considered by the M.M.S.L. Appeals Committee.
- 13.15 The Appeals Committee shall consist of a Chair, who shall be an elected officer of the Board of Directors, and two other members. The Chair and the other two members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.
- 13.16 The Chair and the other two members of the Appeals Committee shall have the authority to vote on any matter at meetings and hearings convened by the subject Committee.
- 13.17 The Appeals Committee shall decide if leave to appeal shall be granted to the appellant within 7 calendar days of receiving a completed appeal application form and required fee i.e. granting of a hearing to the appellant.
- 13.18 If leave to appeal is not granted by the Appeals Committee, the decision of the Appeals Committee shall be forwarded to the applicant, in accordance with prescribed policies and procedures, within 10 calendar days of receiving a completed appeal application form and required fee.
- 13.19 If leave to appeal is granted by the Appeals Committee, the appellant shall be given at least 14 calendar days notice of the date and time of the hearing. If requested by the appellant in writing; the requirement for 14 calendar days notice may be reduced; subject to approval by the Chair of the Appeals Committee.
- 13.20 The Appeals Committee shall conduct a hearing in accordance with prescribed policies and procedures.
- 13.21 The Appeals Committee shall render a final decision and forward said decision to the appellant within 7 calendar days of a hearing. The decision of the M.M.S.L. Appeals Committee shall be accompanied by an explanation of the right to request leave to appeal to the Manitoba Soccer Association.