

OWHA APPEAL POLICY

Appeals

- (A) Matters that may be appealed:
 - (1) for a player's release.
 - (2) supplementary game(s) above the minimum suspension added by the OWHA that takes the suspension to 8 games or more.
 - (3) a decision by a League, Team or association.
 - (4) any issue dealing with Harassment and Abuse shall be handled in accordance with Hockey Canada policies and procedures and, as such, any application for appeal to the OWHA may or may not be heard in accordance with policies and procedures established by the OWHA Board.

- (B) To appeal, an individual, team, league, or association must submit written documentation stating the reasons for the appeal and facts supporting the appeal to the OWHA Office.

- (C) Time allowed for filing an appeal:
 - (1) for a player's release an appeal may be filed at any time
 - (2) for a suspension of more than 7 (seven) games, except for a minimum suspension which cannot be appealed, an appeal must be filed within 48 hours of receipt of the suspension.
 - (3) All other appeals must be filed within 7 business days of receipt of notice of a decision.

- (D) A \$200.00 Appeal Fee must accompany the appeal. The \$200.00 Appeal Fee may be refundable at the discretion of the Appeal Committee. The fee does not apply to an appeal by a player for her release.

- (E) Within 5 business days of the appeal being filed the OWHA Chairperson or her/his designate shall set a date for hearing the appeal. The hearing date will be no more than fifteen (15) business days after the filing date. The OWHA Chairperson or her/his designate shall notify all parties 24 hours in advance of the appeal as soon as the hearing is set.

- (F) The OWHA Chairperson or her/his designate shall notify all parties to the appeal as soon as the hearing date is set. His/her notice shall inform the parties of the time, place and date of the hearing.

- (G) The appeal tribunal has the authority to uphold, increase, or decrease a suspension.

- (H) The Appeal Tribunal shall render its decision not more than 5 (five) business days after the hearing.

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