



ODHA APPEAL PROCEDURES

ODHA APPEALS COMMITTEE

Directive

The ODHA Appeals Committee is structured to review and render decisions on appeals submitted by ODHA members in regards to decisions made by Councils and Committees within the jurisdiction of the ODHA. Members appealing such decisions must be aware that the ODHA Appeals Committee is not empowered to re-open a matter to view all of the original material presented with the intent of producing a new decision. The Appeals Committee will only review a decision or hear an appeal under one or more of the following conditions :

- a) New relevant evidence that was not available to those persons who made the decision that is being appealed.
- b) An appeal maybe filed on the grounds of irregularities in the proceedings of the original hearing that may have caused an unjust decision.
- c) An appeal maybe filed on the grounds that the decision of the original hearing was to severe.
- d) An appeal maybe filed on the grounds that there is proof to establish that the decision of the original hearing was reached in an unjust manner.

Each officially convened ODHA Appeals Committee will, for the purpose of the hearing, have a triad as its official participants. ***They will be the appellant (i.e. parent, player) the designated spokesperson for the Council or Committee whose decision is being appealed; and the members of the Appeals Committee.*** All other persons who are present will not be deemed to have official standing and may speak only with the permission of the Chairperson.

At each hearing, the Chairperson will endeavour to have business conducted in the following sequence :

1. Call to order
2. Introduction of Committee Members
3. Introduction of Designated Spokespersons
4. Appellant's presentation
5. Presentation on behalf of the Council or Committee whose decision is being appealed.
6. Committee members question the presenters.
7. Rebuttal opportunities for the presenter, followed by summary statements.
8. Adjournment, followed by the private discussions required for the Committee members to render a decision.

Within 96 hours of receiving official notification by email/fax/or certified mail. The appeal must be filed to the ODHA accompanied by the appeal fee established annually by the ODHA. In the event that the Appeals Committee's decision is to uphold the appeal, then one-half of the appeal fee will be returned.

All parties must be given a minimum 72 hours notice of the date, time and place of the Appeal Hearing unless all parties agree to a different time table.

Decisions of the ODHA Appeals Committee may be appealed to Hockey Canada.

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