

Nova Scotia Combat Sports Authority (the "Commission") Appeals Process

Decisions of the Commission may be appealed in accordance with the process set out below.

1. The individual making an appeal shall have 20 days from the time they are notified of a decision to lodge an appeal. All appeals shall be forwarded to the Chair of the Commission.
2. All Appeals must be accompanied by a \$50 Appeals Fee by certified cheque if choosing a written appeal. Should the Appellant opt for an oral hearing, a fee of \$300 must accompany the appeal. The Appeals Board will return this fee in whole or to the Appellant if the Appellant is successful on appeal. If the Appellant is not successful on appeal, the Appeals Board may or may not return the fee in whole or in part as part of their decision.
3. The rationale for the appeal must be in writing clearly indicating the decision that is being appealed and the grounds upon which it is being appealed. All appeals will be considered, but only those where sufficient grounds can be demonstrated will be heard. The eligible grounds for an appeal are:
 - 3.1. The Commission demonstrated bias, or there is a reasonable perception of bias.
 - 3.2. The established rules and regulations were not followed or have been incorrectly interpreted or enforced.
 - 3.3. New information has become available since the decision that was not available at the time and has a significant bearing on the decision.
 - 3.4. The decision was based on irrelevant facts.
 - 3.5. The penalty far exceeds the infraction.
 - 3.6. The Commission imposed a sanction that is beyond its authority.
4. After receiving the written appeal, the Chair of the Commission shall forward the appeal to the Appeals Board for review.
5. The Appeals Board shall review the appeal and decide whether or not sufficient grounds exist for the appeal to be heard.
6. If it is determined that there are not sufficient grounds to hear the appeal, the Appeals Board shall write the Appellant denying the Appeal and explaining the rationale.
7. If the Appeals Board decides that there are sufficient grounds to hear the appeal, a hearing shall be called. The hearing shall be run according whether the Appellant is requesting a written hearing or an oral hearing to the following principles:
 - 7.1 For written hearings, the Appellant must submit all relevant documents, written arguments, and evidence they wish the Appeals Board to consider.

7.1. For oral hearings, the Appellant shall be informed about the hearing in advance and is afforded an opportunity to present their case and may call witnesses to speak on their behalf.

7.2. The Appeals Board may ask questions and shall come to a decision.

7.3. The Appellant shall be informed in writing of the decision and the rationale.

8. The Appeals Board has the right to uphold the decision, overturn the decision, and/or to modify any of the sanctions.
9. The decision of the Appeals Board is final and not open to any further appeal, except as may be permitted by law.