

Hearings - Appealing a Decision

If you believe that you have grounds to appeal against the outcome of County Disciplinary hearing there are strict procedures which *must be followed*. Any appeal which does not satisfy all the requirements (as outlined below) will not be accepted from the participant who received the punishment.

1. Appeals are able to be lodged where a participant has had a discipline case found "Proven".
2. All appeals must be received at The Football Association, preferably by email to discipline@thefa.com or by post to (Judicial Services Department, The Football Association, Wembley Stadium, PO Box 1966, London, SW1P 9EQ) *within 14 days of the date on the correspondence notifying you of the outcome of the decision*. An intention to appeal **must be lodged** within **three days** of the date of the written decision. Any appeal received outside this timeframe will not be accepted, it is strongly advised that you send your appeal with proof of posting.
3. A covering letter explaining your ground/s of appeal must be sent, **you can only appeal under the following grounds, if your appeal is not under at least one of the following grounds of appeal your appeal will not be accepted and your correspondence will be returned to you.**

When making their original decision, your County Association:

- a) **Failed to give the appellant a fair hearing**
 - b) **Failed to comply with the Disciplinary Procedures relevant to the hearing of the charge**
 - c) **Came to a decision on the facts of the case which no reasonable body could have reached**
 - d) **Imposed an award, order or any other sanction that is excessive.**
4. Payment of £50 must be submitted with your appeal (by credit/debit card over the phone or by cheque made payable to 'The Football Association Limited') Any appeal received without the appropriate payment *will not be accepted*.
 5. It is important to note that the punishment will not automatically be set aside pending an appeal. You must send a written request for this, which *must come from the participant that received the punishment*. The decision will be made by The Football Association whether or not to set the punishment aside if requested by the appellant. However, there is no obligation for this to be granted
 6. Appeals are **not a re-hearing of the case**. Any Match Officials will not be invited to attend nor will you be able to bring any witnesses. The Appeal Board will only look at if your appeal should succeed under one or more of the grounds of appeal, as above.

Please note that appeals are held during normal working hours. You will be given at least 7 days notice of the date of your appeal. We will acknowledge receipt of all appeals within two working days, if you do not receive receipt of this please contact The Football Association to ensure that your appeal has been received correctly.