

KENT COUNTY CHESS ASSOCIATION

Appeals & Discipline Committee Rules

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These procedures apply to appeals against a decision already made by the KCCA Tournament Secretary in inter-club team competitions for chess clubs based in Kent and South-East London arranged by the Kent County Chess Association.

Composition

The Appeals Committee shall preferably include; one or more qualified Arbiter, one or more experienced players and/or team captains. Annually at the AGM there will be elections for; the Convenor of the Appeals Committee (usually the KCCA Chair), three members of the Appeals Committee and two reserve members, who will serve on the Appeals Committee in a case where the appeal involves a player from the same chess club as one of the members. The three members and two reserves must all represent different chess clubs. The Convenor can co-opt other members if necessary.

Appeal Process

The Appeals Committee may receive an appeal from any of the following; a player (if the player is under 18, then the appeal must be submitted by the player's parent or guardian) or the team Captains. An appeal must be made by a party directly impacted by the situation in which the dispute occurred.

An appeal may only be made to the Appeals Committee once the appellant has received a decision from the Tournament Secretary and must be within 10 days of the decision. The topics of the appeal may include, but are not limited to; the FIDE Laws of Chess being incorrectly applied, KCCA Tournament Regulations being incorrectly applied or the behaviour of a player. No Appeals Committee member can sit in judgement in a dispute involving a player from their own chess club, a reserve member will sit instead.

Upon receipt of a written appeal which shall be signed by an officer of the appellant's Chess Club, the Appeals Committee Chairman is empowered to ask for written statements within a specific timeframe from other people, including but not limited to; the two players, the two team captains and the Tournament Secretary who made the original decision.

The Appeals Committee will, after any necessary clarifications with the appellant regarding the nature of the appeal, provide a copy of the appeal to the other interested parties, inviting such interested parties to make a one-off response within 7 days. The Convenor may choose to ask the appellant to reply to these responses for further clarification. The Appeals Committee will meet either Face-to-Face or on Video Conferencing with 7 days of receipt of the appeal and response(s).

The written verdict will be communicated by e-mail to the appellant and all parties involved in the dispute. The Appeals Committee President will provide a summarised report at the next KCCA AGM on the appeals that were submitted and the decisions taken on those appeals.