

1. An appeal may be lodged in disputes involving:
  - i. An Association to Association transfer.
  - ii. Refusal by a Team, League or Association to release a player for the purpose of an Association transfer:
    - a. The Appellant must have exhausted the appeal process of their respective Team, League or Association.
    - b. When a player has registered for the current season, he may not appeal under this By-Law to secure his release for Association transfers.
    - c. Registration appeals are not permitted after January 10 of the current playing season.
  - iii. Tampering allegations between Teams, League or Associations.
2. All registration appeals under this policy must be accompanied by the following:
  - i. Notice of Appeal Form.
  - ii. Detailed rationale for appeal.
  - iii. Non-refundable administrative fee.
3. Tampering appeals must include:
  - i. All necessary supporting documentation, including player`s previous registration, information on residence or evidence as to residence and any other relevant documents and/or correspondence.
  - ii. Required fee as outline in the fiscal policy.
4. The HNO Office shall forward to the Respondent a copy of the appeal within two (2) days of receipt.
5. The Respondent shall, within two (2) days of receipt, forward its rebuttal by fax or email. If the rebuttal is not received prior to the requested deadline, the Respondent shall lose its right to make a rebuttal to the Registration Appeal Committee.
6. Committee Composition
  - I. The Registration Appeals Committee shall of a Chair, elected by the Board, the respective Convenor, a Director from the Zone in which the appeal originated and the Executive Director.
  - II. Committee make up may be altered in the event that rescheduling due to timelines are not possible.
7. Hearing Process
  - i. The Registration Appeals Committee shall conduct all hearings in the manner in which it sees fit, including but not limited to, written presentations only, teleconference or face to face hearings.
    - II. The hearing shall take place within five (5) days of receiving the rebuttal.
    - III. The Registration Appeal Committee will review the information submitted by both parties and make a decision, which will be transmitted to the parties within two (2) days from the time of the decision. The report of the Registration Appeals Committee shall be limited to whether the appeal has:

- A) Granted the player`s release.
  - B) Disallowed the player`s release.
  - C) Referred the decision back to the Team, League or Association.
  - D) Declared not within the Registration Appeals Committee`s jurisdiction.
  - E) No other information will be provided.
8. For minor players, all appeals filed, if granted, shall only be for the current playing season. Minor players shall be required to file a new appeal for any subsequent season and the Registration Appeals Committee shall consider any subsequent appeal as a new appeal and shall not be bound by any previous year`s decision.
9. All decisions of the Registration Appeals Committee shall be final.
10. Appellant and/or Respondent, if not satisfied with the Registration Appeals Committee`s decision, may then appeal to Hockey Canada.

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