

Irish Olympic Handball Association Disciplinary Procedure

- (1) In the event of any affiliated club, school, third level college, Association, official, player, coach or member of an affiliated club, school or third level college or Association being reported to the Board of the IOHA (the "Board") for an alleged breach of any of its rules or conduct which is alleged to have brought the game into disrepute, the Board may, if it deems the allegation to be sufficiently serious, appoint a Disciplinary Committee of not less than three persons to investigate the alleged offence.
- (2) If after its investigation, the Disciplinary Committee finds that the allegation has been proven to its satisfaction, it shall have the authority to expel or suspend the offending club, school, third level college, Association, official, player, coach, referee or member or to deal with the matter in such manner as the Disciplinary Committee sees fit. The decision of the Disciplinary Committee shall be conveyed in writing by the IOHA administrator to the offending club, school, third level college, Association, player, coach, referee or member within seven (7) days of the hearing.
- (3) Any club, school, third level college, Association, official, player, coach, referee or member found guilty of a breach of the rules or conduct as described in paragraph (1) above by the Disciplinary Committee shall have the right to appeal to an Appeal Commission against any decision or punishment imposed by the Disciplinary Committee but such appeal must be lodged in writing with the IOHA Secretary within fourteen (14) days of the notification of the decision of punishment. The appeal must be heard within fourteen (14) days of its receipt by the Secretary. Where a decision of the Disciplinary Committee is appealed, no member of the Disciplinary Committee which made the decision under appeal shall be a member of the Appeal Commission in relation to the review of that decision.

Appeals

In respect of all appeals (be they of a disciplinary nature or otherwise), any entity or person wishing to appeal shall do so in writing to the Secretary of the Irish Olympic Handball Association. The Secretary who must receive the appeal within fourteen (14) days of the date of the notice of the original decision shall then inform the Board who will convene an Appeal Commission.

In respect of all appeals (be they of a disciplinary nature or otherwise), the Appeal Commission shall consist of three (3) members of the IOHA (including Board Members) of the President's choosing with the proviso that he/she may not select any person who had a prior involvement in the matter being appealed. The members of the Appeal Commission may be accompanied by advisors if they so wish. The Appeal Commission shall meet within fourteen (14) days of the date of the receipt of the notice of the appeal.

The letter of appeal shall state the reason or reasons for the appeal and shall be supported by an appeal fee of €300 (or as amended by resolution of the Board). The appellant(s) shall have the right to be accompanied at the appeal hearing by a person or persons of their choice but the names and details of such persons must be included in the letter of appeal. In the event of the appeal being unsuccessful the appeal fee shall be forfeited to the funds of the association unless the Appeal

Commission decides otherwise. The decision of the Appeal Commission shall be final and the relevant parties shall be notified of the decision in writing by the IOHA Secretary within seven (7) days of the hearing.

Appeals Arbitration

All decisions issued under the Appeals procedure set out previously may be appealed exclusively by referral to Just Sport Ireland, within 14 days from receipt of such decision, for final binding arbitration in accordance with the Just Sport Ireland Arbitration Rules.

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