

SCHEDULE 6

RDAP & NHA Appeals Committee

Composition: Chairman appointed by Council
Vice Chairman (if appointed)
A member of the Executive Committee
3 other members (see12.2)
and for the Appeals Committee up to 2 other members (see13.2)

An essential element for each hearing is that any person with a conflict of interest cannot be involved.

This may mean that for this, and other reasons, there are insufficient members available to hear the appeal. In this case the Chair shall consult with the other panel members and either the President or Deputy President to co-opt other suitable persons to the panel.

Terms of reference:

1. On receipt of the appeal from the NHA Honorary Secretary the Chair shall, after consultation with either the President or Deputy President invite two of the designated members to complete the Appeals Panel.
2. **RDAP**
The England Hockey Red Card & MMO regulations set out in detail in section 7 the procedures to be followed in receiving and considering an appeal. The RDAP must follow these procedures in dealing with the appeal. Time lines are strict and members must make sure they are observed. paras 5 & 6 below apply to RDAP hearings
2. **NHA Appeals Committee**
The Chair shall liaise with the NHA Secretary to obtain evidence from all parties concerned in the appeal in the form of written statements and/or copy documents certified as being true by the person submitting the evidence.
3. All parties will be notified of the date on which the appeal is to be considered. This must be as soon as is reasonably practicable and certainly within 21 days of the appeal being lodged.
4. The Appeal Panel shall either confer using a Video Conference call or by convening a formal meeting to which representatives from the parties involved may be invited if required
5. Having considered the appeal. The Appeal Panel may either:
 - 5.1 Accept the Appeal
 - 5.2 Accept the Appeal in part
 - 5.3 Dismiss the appeal.
6. If 5.1 applies the deposit shall be returned and associated expenses will be paid by NHA.
If 5.2 applies The appellant will be required to pay half the costs of the hearing subject to a minimum of half the deposit..
If 5.3 applies the appellant will be required to pay the costs of the hearing subject to a minimum of the deposit.
7. The decision of the appeal shall be notified in writing, under the NHA Heading, by the Chair of the Panel to all parties of the appeal and lodged with the NHA Honorary Secretary, within 48 hours of the decision, with succinct reasons and clear reference to all rules related to the consideration of the appeal.