

USA Hockey / Michigan Amateur Hockey Association
SUSPENSION APPEALS PROCEDURE

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(* For appeals by MAHA Officers or Directors who have been suspended, see the MAHA Annual Guide Rules and Regulations paragraph XVI,17 for definition of the appeals committee. All of the procedures shown here apply.)

The following appeals procedure is taken from the appeals procedure shown in the USA Hockey Annual Guide, Bylaw 10.E. No material difference has been made. However, the language has been simplified into plain terms as applied by MAHA.

APPEALS

Any person that has been suspended after a hearing may appeal the suspension by following the steps shown below.

1. STATEMENT OF APPEAL

- The suspended person must send a Statement of Appeal to the MAHA Appeals Committee Chairperson and to the Chairperson of the District or Board that gave out the suspension. **This Must be sent within Fourteen (14) Days of receipt of your Suspension.** This is your actual appeal.
- The Statement of Appeal is a written statement of why the suspension should be overruled or reversed.
 - Only the evidence and theories explicitly presented to the panel that suspended you will be considered for appeal. If information was not presented to the panel during your suspension hearing, it cannot now be considered in your appeal.
 - Be specific on why the suspension should be overturned.
- **The Statement of Appeal must be delivered within Fourteen (14) days of when you received the decision that you are suspended.**
 - You may request a copy of the audio tape from your suspension hearing. If it takes an undue period of time to receive a copy of the tape, you may request additional time (over and above the fourteen days) from the MAHA Appeals Committee to submit the Statement of Appeal.

2. Your suspension remains in effect during the appeals process.

3. What The Appeals Committee Does

- At its option, the Appeals Committee may hold a hearing or consider the appeal on the written submissions of the parties to the appeal and establish other hearing rules so long as each party is treated substantially equal. Notice of an appeals hearing, if any, shall be given to all parties.

4. Appeal Decision Timing

- The Appeal Committee must use every reasonable effort to decide the appeal within fourteen (14) days from the submissions to it, but not to exceed fifteen (15) days.

5. Authority of the Appeals Committee

The Appeals Committee may affirm, reverse or modify (including increase or decrease) any suspension as it deems proper under the circumstance before it.

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6. No Further Appeals

- There shall be no further appeals, other than noted in USA Hockey Bylaw 10,E,1,a.,and administrative remedies shall be deemed exhausted.

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