

APPEAL TO Niagara ONTARIO SOCCER RIGHTS OF APPEAL INFORMATION

Any party affected by a discipline hearing decision has the right to request leave to appeal the decision of the Niagara Soccer League

Request for leave to appeal may be submitted to Niagara Soccer Association (NSA)

The letter of appeal must specify the rationale for appealing the decision of the Niagara Soccer League. The rationale must include evidence for one or more of the following grounds:

- a) Making a decision for which the governing body did not have the authority or jurisdiction as set out in the applicable governing documents
- b) New facts were not available when the decision was made
- c) Failing to properly interpret the relevant Published Rules
- d) Failing to follow procedures as laid out in the relevant Published Rules
- e) Making a decision that was influenced by bias
- f) Alleged excessive fine, fee, bond, or suspension.

Failure to provide adequate rationale will result in your appeal being disallowed.

The leave to appeal request must be submitted by email to nsa@niagarasoccer.net

Registrants and or registered organizations who wish to seek leave to appeal a decision will have fourteen (14) days from the date on which they receive notice of the decision and their rights to appeal, to submit in writing notice of the following:

- a) Their intention to appeal
- b) Completed application to appeal
- c) Grounds for appeal
- d) All evidence that supports these grounds, including all documents
- e) The remedy or remedies requested
- f) A copy of the written decision being appealed, or the Appellant's understanding of the decision
- g) A signature of the Appellant or authorized representative of the Appellant
- h) Include the Appeal Fee \$150.00

It is the responsibility of NSA to advise all relevant parties about the appeal and to provide them with a copy of the appeal.

If the appeal is upheld, the appeal fee will be returned to the appellant. If the appeal is ruled out of order the appeal fee is retained by the NSA.

Special criteria are used in deciding appeals pertaining to playing-out rights. Contact the NSA Office for more information on appeals regarding playing-out rights.