

WORLD CURLING

APPEALS POLICY

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Note:	Update to branding; use of the name World Curling; punctuation; divided Disciplinary and Appeals Policy into two policies; Appeals fee increased from \$100 to \$500

POLICY STATEMENT

Any policy which has been enforced or sanction which has been applied is open to an appeal or escalation to the next level where it is not already clearly stated the decision by the Disciplinary Panel (DP) is final. The appeal process is where an incident / case is reviewed, and one party is requesting a change to the official decision. Appeals may reveal a requirement for process clarification or error correction.

The respondent or the respondent's Member Association shall have the right to appeal against the DP's decision. A valid appeal may delay the imposed penalty, except for any administration fines and suspension.

PROCESS

1. Complaints, escalations or appeals will be made in writing to the World Curling Secretary General, who, in conjunction with the Board of World Curling, will appoint a panel of suitably qualified individuals to hear the appeal within 14 days from receipt of the appeal. Individuals may be appointed from outside the membership or World Curling Board based on the requirement for a certain level of expertise depending on the appeal/escalation
2. Any individual or body sanctioned for a breach of a World Curling Policy has the right to appeal against the decision unless the policy states the decision is final
3. No person will sit on both the original decision-making panel and the appeal panel
4. The World Curling Secretary General or their appointee shall act as facilitator to the hearing panel but holds no vote in the final decision
5. All panels will be made up of no less than three members and will always be an odd number so a tie in the decision process is not possible. It shall also not exceed seven members
6. The cost to bring an escalation/appeal will be \$500 USD. Should the party lose the decision and the original decision stands then the applicant shall forfeit the fee. Should the party win the escalation/appeal then the fee shall be returned
7. Unless otherwise stated decisions may be appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) but only once all internal World Curling processes have been exhausted