



National Collegiate Volleyball Federation Appeal Process

The following Appeal Process governs the review of all matters accepted for appeal by the NCVF:

1. Consistent with the NCVF Bylaws and subject to the authority of the NCVF Officers and Board, the NCVF Compliance Committee has discretionary authority to review, affirm, reverse or modify any properly appealed decision interpreting the NCVF Governance Rules.
2. The Appeal Process is available to any NCVF recognized team, and its participants. The NCVF Compliance Committee has discretion to accept or deny the standing of any person or entity seeking to utilize the Appeal Process (a person or entity seeking access to the Appeal Process is referred to as an Appellant) The NCVF also has discretion to review the timeliness, materiality, ripeness and other aspects of any appeal to determine whether or to what extent the appeal will be processed. Notwithstanding, the NCVF retains full discretion to reject any appeal that fails to materially follow any aspect of the Appeals Process, or for any other reason that the Board determines is fair and reasonable.
3. Prior to appealing a decision, an Appellant must first exhaust all informal dispute resolution efforts and any applicable and available NCVF recognized league, conference or organization appeal procedures or processes.
4. To appeal a decision, an Appellant must fully complete and timely submit an Appeal Form to the NCVF Compliance Committee and to applicable interested parties (e.g. player representatives, conference or league commissioners, tournament directors, team representatives, etc). Other than an Appeal Form, other documents might need to be submitted with an appeal. Such documents are provided on the NCVF website, and include, but are not limited to, the Graduating Senior Exception Certification Form and the Internship Exception Form.
5. The NCVF Compliance Committee may require an Appellant or others to provide additional information in connection with its review and deliberation. An Appellant must cooperate with NCVF efforts to access information that may be relevant to the appeal.
6. All team and player eligibility appeals, including, but not limited to, those that pertain to eligibility for participation in the NCVF National Championship Tournament, must be submitted to the NCVF Compliance Committee.

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| For appeals filed before February 16: | No Fee |
| For appeals filed after February 16 but before March 1: | \$50.00 |
| For appeals filed after March 1 but before April 1: | \$100.00 |

7. Appeals of ethics and eligibility related issues that arise in connection with player or team behavior at the NCVF National Championship Tournament or protests that arise in connection with competition at the NCVF National Championship Tournament shall be resolved in accordance with the NCVF National Championship Tournament Arbiter Process (“Arbiter Process”). Decisions rendered pursuant to the

Arbiter Process are final and may not be appealed except that any club, team or player suspension or other remedy imposed through the Arbiter Process that disqualifies a club, team or player from participation in any subsequent year(s) may, at the discretion of the NCVF Compliance Committee, be appealed following the conclusion of the NCVF National Championship Tournament but no later than 30 days following the conclusion of the NCVF National Championship Tournament.

8. In addition to and independent from remedies available through the Arbiter Process pertaining to the NCVF National Championship Tournament, the NCVF retains discretion to impose sanctions for any material violation of the NCVF Governance Rules. Any club, player or team aggrieved by the imposition of such a remedy may seek a review of the decision by following the Appeal Process. However, a review will only be granted if made within 14 days following NCVF Notice of Sanction under this rule.

9. The NCVF will send the Appellant, by electronic mail, a formal written ruling (“NCVF Ruling”) on all properly submitted and unresolved appeals within three weeks following the appeal submission. The NCVF Ruling will specify the action taken, if any, and at the discretion of the NCVF Compliance Committee, may include a statement of rationale behind the ruling. All NCVF Rulings are final and may not be further appealed except for rulings that are contrary to the NCVF Bylaws. The three week period referenced in this paragraph may be extended at the discretion of the NCVF, but an Appellant will be informed of such an extension.

10. By utilizing the Appeal Process, an Appellant agrees to follow the Appeal Process, implement the NCVF Ruling, and hold the NCVF and its agents and representatives harmless for any claims connected to the decisions being appealed or the NCVF Ruling(s) issued.

If you have any questions regarding any aspect of the NCVF Appeal Process please contact the NCVF Compliance Committee at ncvfcompliance@ncfvolleyball.org.