

Dispute Guidance

Notes on how to Handle an Appeal

These Notes should be read in conjunction with the Dispute Guidance document. These notes are intended to be supplementary and subservient to the Dispute Guidance.

1. The principles for Handling an Appeal are much the same as for the original Complaint.
2. An Appeal should be heard by a more independent body. That is if the Complaint was heard internally by a Tribunal of IVC Members from your own Club then the appeal should be heard by an External Tribunal of IVC Members from other IVCs. If the Complaint was heard by an External Tribunal then the appeal should be heard by an external Professional.
3. The first thing the Appeal Body should do is to determine if there are suitable grounds for the Appeal. The allowed grounds for appeal are defined in the Dispute Guidance document. If the body does not believe that there are grounds then the appeal should be dismissed at that stage.
4. If the appeal is allowed then the matter should be re-heard although it can re-use such documentation from the original hearing as is still available.
5. There is no allowance for Appealing against an Appeal. Any aggrieved parties will have to take the matter to external authorities if they wish to pursue it.