

<u>May 2018</u>

Procedure for Appeals

<u>Club</u>

A member suspended by their club must be given the right to appeal to the next Governing Body which is the County Board (**In** writing within seven (7) days) they must be advised that they have the right to appeal within twenty-one (21) days. <u>All</u> correspondence must be sent by Registered Post.

If the County Board uphold the decision of the club the member must be notified in writing within seven (7) days of their right to appeal to the Appeals Panel within twentyone (21) days i.e. A County Board consists of the Elected Officers plus two (2) representatives from each properly affiliated club to the P.P.U.I. under the jurisdiction of the relevant board. Outlined above is what Constitutes a County Board. Any member called before any-body of the Union has the right to have a registered member of the Union accompany them at any hearing. <u>All correspondence must be sent by Registered Post.</u>

County Board

Should a County Board suspend a member they must notify that member in writing within seven (7) days they have the right to appeal to the **Committee of First Appeal (COFA)** within twenty-one (21) days. The decision is made by the Elected Officers plus (2) representatives from the clubs. (The decision must be made by the full County Board, not the Officers). <u>All correspondence must be sent by Registered Post.</u>

If the decision of the County Board is upheld the member must be notified in writing within seven (7) days that they can appeal the decision to the Appeals Panel within twenty-one (21) days. Any member called before a County Board has the right to have a registered member of the Union accompany them at the hearing. <u>All correspondence</u> <u>must be sent by Registered Post.</u>

The cost of an Appeal to COFA is €200.00 (refundable if successful).

Any member called before the NEC on a disciplinary matter has the right to have a registered member of the Union accompany them at the hearing.

If the Appeals Panel uphold any decision by a County Board or the Committee of First Appeal, the member must be informed that they can go to Just Sport Ireland for arbitration on the matter within twenty-one (21) days. There is a cost involved here.

Please note the following:

This procedure only applies for registered members who are in breach of the Rules of Play or the Constitution of the Pitch and Putt Union of Ireland.

Any member called before any Governing Body of the Pitch and Putt Union of Ireland must be advised that they have the right to have a registered member of the Union

present at all hearings.

All correspondence to a member dealing with notification of suspension and their right of appeal must be sent by Registered Post.

Michael Murphy Hon. Secretary