

AUSTRALIAN FUTSAL TOURNAMENTS APPEALS POLICY

GROUNDINGS FOR APPEAL:

The 'Futsal Laws of the Game LAW 5 – The Referee' state "The decisions of the referee regarding facts connected with play are final."

Whilst a state representative may exercise the right of an appeal, that right of appeal is restricted to one or more of the following grounds:

- **Severity of the Sentence Imposed**
 - o If a suspension is received, the person in question must serve an automatic one (1) game suspension. If the sentence is deemed more than one (1) game, the length of the additional suspension may be appealed.
- **Mistaken Identity**
 - o In the event the accused has been mistakenly identified as someone else by those implementing the suspension.
- **New Evidence**
 1. If after the original sanction is made, new evidence is presented with material evidence that was not available at the time of the initial report or Send-Off.
 - New evidence shows highly convincing evidence of mistaken identity having occurred.

LODGING AN APPEAL:

STEP 1: Appeal Lodged with Centre Administration: If an appeal is required, the appeal must be lodged in writing by a state representative. This appeal must be lodged on an official Australian Futsal Tournament Appeal Form within one (1) hour of the incident occurring.

STEP 2: Lodgement Requirements: The appeal form must be accompanied by a fee of \$60 (refundable only if the appeal is upheld.)

STEP 3: Appeals Judiciary Process: Upon receipt of an appeal, the tournament Judiciary Panel will convene in accordance with the requirements of the Judiciary Procedure as set out in Item 23 – Judiciary Panel and Procedure in the Tournament By-Laws.

STEP 4: Judiciary Hearing: Notice of the Judiciary hearing times will be given to the state representative. It is the responsibility of the team/state official lodging the appeal to ensure representation appears on time.

STEP 5: Appeals Committee Decision: In the event that the appeal is successful, the full amount of \$60 will be refunded. However if the appeal is unsuccessful, the \$60 will be forfeited to the Australian Futsal Association.