



International Correspondence Chess Federation

Regulations for the ICCF Appeals Committee

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1. The Appeals Committee

1.1 ICCF has an Appeals Committee for resolution of appeals concerning ICCF playing rules.

1.2 Members of the Appeals Committee must be International Arbiters.

1.3 The chairperson leads the Appeals Committee.

1.4 The members of the Appeal Committee (excluding its chairperson) are nominated by its chairperson and appointed by the Executive Board

1.5 The ICCF Congress must approve the nominations.

1.6 The Appeals Committee is independent in its judgements.

2. Appeals Procedure

- 2.1 Appeals according to ICCF Rules §2.16 should be sent to the chairperson of the Appeals Committee
- 2.2 The chairperson informs the Tournament Director involved and the opponent (in team tournaments through his or her team captain) about the appeal, meanwhile asking them to send relevant documents within a certain period.
- 2.3 Depending on the complexity of the appeal, the chairperson decides upon the procedure for addressing the appeal.
- 2.4 The decision reached through this procedure is final.
- 2.5 Whenever possible, the Appeals Committee members involved in arbitrating a dispute should not be from the same member federation as the persons involved in the dispute.
- 2.6 In cases in which the chairperson personally could be involved, he or she appoints one of the members as his or her deputy, for example at the start of a tournament in which the chairperson is playing.

3. Limits of the Appeals Committee

- 3.1 The Appeals Committee only checks if the decision by the ICCF official has been formally correct
- 3.2 Appeals against discretionary decisions of the ICCF official are usually rejected.

4. Relation with other ICCF Commissions

- 4.1 If the Appeals Committee finds a weakness in the Playing Rules, then the chairperson may send a proposal for a change of these rules to the Rules Commission.
- 4.2 Based upon the experiences of the Appeals Committee, the chairperson may also send recommendations to the Tournament Director Committee.

5. Scope of the Appeals Committee

- 5.1 The Appeals Committee is active for all ICCF tournaments.

5.2 The Appeals Committee is also active for all title tournaments approved by ICCF, unless agreed otherwise during the approval procedure.

5.3 The Appeals Committee has jurisdiction for ICCF Rules §2.16 appeals filed in tournaments organised under the auspices of Zonal Directors