



PISTOL AUSTRALIA INC.

Appeals Process

1. The appeal process concerning non selection or removal from the national squad or national team is two tiered with the appeal first being heard by the Pistol Australia (PA) Appeal Panel with any subsequent appeal to be heard by the Court of Arbitration for Sport.
2. The sole grounds to an appeal are that the selection policy was not properly followed and/or implemented by the Selection Panel or PA Management.
3. Any appeal by an athlete against non-selection or removal from the national squad or national team must be made to the PA appeal Panel.
4. Any appeal must accord with the following procedure:
 - a. The appellant must give written notice of his or her appeal to the PA Sports Administrator within 48 hours of the announcement of the decision against which the appeal is made.
 - b. Within 5 working days of submitting his or her written notice of appeal, the appellant must submit to the PA Sports Administrator the grounds of that appeal accompanied by a deposit of \$500.00 payable to Pistol Australia Inc. the deposit will be refunded if the appeal is upheld. PA Management has the discretion to refund the deposit or part thereof if the appeal is not upheld.
 - c. The PA Appeal Panel will be comprised of the following persons appointed by the PA Management Committee:
 - i. A Barrister of solicitor who will act as Chairperson;
 - ii. A person with a thorough knowledge of elite shooting competition (from specific disciplines) and who preferably has had recent international competition experience and;
 - iii. One other person of experience and skills suitable to the function of the PA Appeal Panel.

No person is eligible to be appointed to the PA Appeal Panel if he or she is a member of the Pa Management Committee or the Selection Panel or by reason of his or her relationship with the appellant or any member of the PA Management Committee or the Selection Panel be reasonably considered to be other than impartial.
 - d. The PA Appeal Panel will convene a hearing as soon as practicable after the submission of the grounds of appeal pursuant to Clause 4b. the hearing may

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occur in such manner as the Chairperson decides, including telephone or video conferencing. The PA Appeal Panel is not bound by the rules of evidence but must observe the principles of procedural fairness.

- e. Prior to the hearing, PA Management will provide the PA Appeal Panel and the appellant with a written statement as to the reasons for the decision against which the appeal is made.
 - f. The PA Appeal Panel will give its decision as soon as practicable after the hearing and will provide Pa Management and the appellant with a statement of the reasons for its decision.
 - g. The PA Appeal Panel can vary the date of the appeal and will immediately give notice to all parties of any such variation.
5. Any appeal from a decision of the PA Appeal Panel must be solely and exclusively resolved by the Court of Arbitration for Sport according to the Code of Sports-Related Arbitration. The decision of the said Court will be final and binding on the parties and neither party will institute or maintain proceedings in any court or tribunal other than the said Court.
6. An athlete wishing to appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport must give written notice of the fact to the PA Sports Administrator within 48 hours of the announcement of the decision against which the appeal is made and must then file his or her statement of appeal with the Court of Arbitration for Sport within 5 working days of the written notice to the PA Sports Administrator.
7. (a) Failure to observe the above time limits will render any appeal a nullity.
(b) However, an athlete may apply to the Pa Appeal Panel or Court of Arbitration for an extension of time in which to commence an appeal. The PA Appeals Panel or Court of Arbitration may grant such an extension of time only in extenuating circumstances outside the control of the athlete concerned.
8. If the athlete does not appear before the PA Appeal Panel or the Court of Arbitration the appeal is deemed to have been abandoned. (Unless there are extraordinary circumstances acceptable to the PA Appeals Panel or Court of Arbitration).
9. Each party will bear its own costs that may be incurred as a result of the appeal process.