



## **Australian Oztag (AO) Appeal Policy**

### **RIGHTS OF APPEAL**

1. Any person, team, association or region who was a party to the proceedings may appeal against the finding of AO.
2. An appeal may only be lodged if the sentence or penalty given by the Convener or Judiciary exceeds two (2) weeks.
3. The Appellant may not participate in games pending the appeal.

### **FEES**

1. An Appeal shall be accompanied by an Appeal fee of \$200 and must be lodged with AO within 14 days of receiving the Notice of suspension.
2. In any case where an Appeal has been upheld by the Appeals Tribunal, the Appeal fee shall be repaid in full to the Appellant by AO.
3. In any case where an Appeal has not been upheld by the Appeals Tribunal or only the penalty has changed, the Appeal fee may be forfeited.
4. The appellant may at any time decide to withdraw their appeal in writing and the proceedings will be concluded. The fee will be refunded if notice is given before 5pm the day before the hearing.

### **TIMING**

1. An appeal will be heard as soon as practicable and within two (2) weeks of lodgment. If the Appellant is not available to appear in person at the set time within the two (2) week period, the appeal shall be heard in their absence.
2. The Appeals Chairman will take steps to convene the Appeals Committee and advise the Appellant of the date, time and venue of the hearing.

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### **APPEAL BASIS**

1. An Appeal must be based on at least one of the following two parameters:
2. That a denial of Justice has occurred and/or
3. That the disciplinary measure(s) imposed is unjust and or unreasonable

### **POWERS OF APPEALS TRIBUNAL**

1. The Appeals tribunal shall have the power to uphold or dismiss the appeal and the power to increase or decrease the penalty imposed.

### **FINALITY**

1. The decision by the by the Appeals Tribunal shall be final and binding. Once the decision has been given, the proceedings are thereby concluded.

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