



## Bojanala Chess Tournament Appeal Procedure

### 1. Purpose of the Appeal Procedure

The purpose of this appeal procedure is to provide a clear and structured process for handling disputes or concerns related to tournament rulings. Recently, there has been an increase in instances where parents, unsure of the rules or their child's loss, have engaged arbiters in prolonged discussions.

To maintain the integrity and efficiency of the tournament, arbiters cannot spend time explaining routine rulings. This policy ensures that concerns are addressed fairly and efficiently, while allowing arbiters to focus on their core responsibilities without distraction.

Parents and players are encouraged to use this formal process if they believe there has been an error in the ruling, rather than engaging arbiters directly during the tournament.

### 2. Timeframe for Filing an Appeal:

- Appeals must be submitted in writing within 30 minutes of the incident or, if by a player, within 30 minutes after their match.
- Late appeals will not be accepted.

### 3. How to Submit an Appeal:

- The appeal must be in writing, clearly explaining the reason for the appeal and the desired outcome.
- A non-refundable fee of R200 must accompany the appeal.
- The written appeal, together with the R200, must be handed to an official at the Scoresheet Table or an Arbiter on duty in the playing venue.
- If the appeal is successful, the fee will be refunded.

### 4. Appeal Review Panel:

The appeal will be reviewed by a panel that includes:

- The Chief Arbiter.
- An unrelated Arbiter (who was not involved in the original ruling).
- A Senior Player.

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 Schoeman  
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**5. Chief Arbiter's Role:**

- If the Chief Arbiter was involved in the original decision, a National Arbiter or higher will replace them on the panel.

**6. Appeal Process:**

- If an external Arbiter is involved, the panel may meet via phone or online.
- Each panel member reviews the appeal independently and provides their input.
- Decisions are made by majority vote (unanimous agreement is not required).

**7. Loss of Appeal Rights:**

- If a parent or player discusses the issue with the Chief Arbiter or any other Arbiter before officially filing the appeal, the right to appeal is forfeited.

**8. Notification of Decision:**

- The panel will inform the appellant of their decision as soon as possible after deliberation.
- The panel's decision is final and binding.

**9. Refund of Appeal Fee:**

- If the appeal is successful, the R200 appeal fee will be refunded.

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