

Northern Marianas Sports Association

Bylaws

Article XI-Appeals

Section 1 Appeals to the Board: The Board shall have the authority to hear and decide all appeals from decisions made by national federations which are members of the Northern Marianas Sports Association. However, no member of the Board shall participate in the consideration of any appeal from the decision of a national federation of which he or she is a member. In the event that a Director is disqualified, the decision of the Board shall be made by a majority of the remaining members.

Section 2 Complaints: Complaints against members shall be governed by 1 CMC § 9518.

Section 3 Replacing Member: Applications to replace an incumbent member shall be governed by 1 CMC § 9519.

Section 4 Board Authority: The Board shall also have the authority to hear and decide matters relating to the conduct of any person who represents the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands as an athlete, coach, or official in any international competition. The decision of the Board in such cases may include, without limitation, private or public reprimand, withdrawal

of recognition of records, awards or prizes. The Board also has the authority to suspend eligibility to participate in any national or international sporting events which the Northern Marianas Sports Association sponsors, sanctions, organizes or participates. The Board has the authority to require any party to a proceeding to bear the cost of the proceeding.

Section 5 Fair Hearing: The Board shall adopt procedures designed to afford a fair hearing to all concerned parties and which protects due process rights.

Section 6 Further Appeal: Except as permitted under the laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, all members of the Northern Marianas Sports Association submitting appeals for consideration by the Board agree that decisions of the Board shall be final and appealable exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport. The Courts of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the United States District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands shall have no jurisdiction to hear or review any decision of the Board rendered pursuant to this Article.

Section 7 Final Decisions: All final decisions by the Board under this Article shall be reported to the General Membership at the next quarterly meeting following issuance of a final decision.

Section 8 Court of Arbitration for Sport: Any decision made by the Board or Disciplinary Committee may be appealed exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport located in Lausanne, Switzerland. Any such appeal must be submitted within twenty-one (21) days of the issuance of the final decision of the Board.