

Objection and appeal procedure

1. Objections to a decision by a body of the BENE-League (hereinafter: BNL) can be lodged with that body within six (6) working days of receipt of the decision by the relevant association and/or person whose interests are affected.
This is a mandatory step before an appeal can be lodged under Article 2. The relevant body must make a decision within 6 weeks of receipt of the objection.
2. No objection is possible against:
 - a. a valid decision taken by the Federal Assembly;
 - b. a decision of general application;
 - c. decisions of the disciplinary bodies;
 - d. decisions made by a match official (referee, delegates, timekeeper) based on facts or judgments established by them during the match.
3. The association and/or the person concerned against whom the decision is directed may lodge an appeal with the Appeals Committee against the decision on the objection or the failure to do so, as referred to in Article 1.
4. The Appeals Committee assesses whether, in the given case, the body could reasonably have taken the contested decision, taking into account all the interests involved.
5. The appeal must be in the possession of the Appeals Committee, in writing and with reasons, within ten (10) working days after the date of the decision against which the appeal has been lodged. If this term is exceeded, the appeal will be inadmissible, unless, in the opinion of the Appeals Committee, such exceeding is excusable.
6. By lodging an appeal, the execution of the contested decision is suspended unless:
 - a. it concerns a decision to submit documents;
 - b. the Appeals Committee on serious grounds, after having heard the association and/or person concerned, decides otherwise.
7. After receiving the notice of appeal and before proceeding with further handling, the Appeals Committee will give the body that took the decision the opportunity to state its position on the current appeal in writing and to submit documents. The Appeals Committee may decide to hold an oral hearing.
8. The association and/or person involved, who has submitted a notice of appeal, is, like the relevant body, obliged, upon request, to provide all information that the Appeals Committee deems necessary for the handling of the appeal.
9. The term for handling cases by the Appeals Committee is as short as possible and the Appeals Committee makes a decision as soon as possible.

10. The decision of the Appeals Committee extends to:
 - a. declaration of incompetence;
 - b. inadmissibility of the appeal;
 - c. dismissal of the appeal or upholding of the appeal.

11. If the Appeals Committee declares the appeal well-founded, it annuls the decision in whole or in part and the body must take a new decision as soon as possible, but at the latest within six weeks, with due observance of the decision of the Appeals Committee.

12. Neither the association or person concerned nor third parties can derive any right to compensation from the total or partial annulment of a decision.