



Appeals Policy

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Appealing A Selection Decision

Selection decisions can be made close to the date of the regatta. As such, appeal processes can have a significant impact on the preparation of crews, not just the athlete directly involved in the appeal decision. The appeals process is therefore designed to minimise disruption to event preparations for athletes and organisers.

Who can make an appeal?

- Registered senior athletes, or the parent/guardian of registered junior athletes

Why would you make an appeal?

If you believe:

That incorrect procedures have been followed in the implementation of the Selection Policy

- that the Selectors have not acted reasonably, fairly and without bias in making a decision
- that a selection decision was reached on the basis of an error of fact

The right to appeal a selection decision is provided on these grounds only and is not an opportunity to dispute the opinion of the Selectors, who will be regarded by the Appeals Panel as experts.

How to make an Appeal

1. It must be made within 48 hours* of a "Selection Decision". This is defined as any of the following:
 - a. Publication of the provisional team.
 - b. Publication of the final team (if different from point a.).
 - c. Formal written communication between the Team Manager and the athlete that it is the intention of the Selectors to no longer consider the athlete for selection.
2. Email office@scottish-rowing.org.uk with your appeal reasoning. Set out full details upon which the athlete is appealing against the decision of the Selectors.
3. A £50 contribution towards the administrative costs of the appeal will be requested.
 - a. This will be returned upon completion of the process at the discretion of the appeals panel

**Appeals enquiries received outside of this window will be considered.*

Who is on the Appeals Panel?

The Scottish Rowing Chair will select three people from a list, previously approved by the Scottish Rowing Board to form the Appeals Panel. No individual directly involved with the athlete making the appeal or who was involved with the selection process may be part of the Appeals Panel.

How is the Appeal reviewed?

Once a formal written appeal is received, it is reviewed by the Appeals Panel. No party to the appeal will report to the Appeals Panel. Further information may be requested by the Appeals Panel by phone or email to the relevant party. The Appeals Panel will review the appeal online or in person.

What are the possible results of an appeal?

The Appeals Panel will either:

1. Reject the appeal and confirm the decision of the Selectors, or;

2. Uphold the appeal and inform the Selectors that errors have been identified in the conduct of the selection process and request that a new selection decision be made as soon as is reasonably practicable.

The Appeals Panel will seek to reach its conclusion within 72 hours of receipt of the Appeal and will inform all interested parties as to their decision via email as soon as possible.