

The following documents should be used
for appeal to the
USTA League
National Grievance Appeal Committee
for a player suspension of 12 months or more.

By the deadline established
by the Local Grievance Appeal Committee
Complete all information and attach requested documentation
and mail to:
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REQUEST FOR APPEAL
Before the
USTA LEAGUE NATIONAL GRIEVANCE APPEAL COMMITTEE (11)

TO: Chairman, USTA League Committee

FR: _____
Address *Captain or Player*

Phone _____
e-mail _____
Fax _____

I request a hearing regarding the suspension of:

Name of Player _____
Suspended at NTRP Level and Gender _____
Suspended from Team(s) _____
Sections(s) _____
Area(s) (District/State/Region) _____
Date of Final Grievance Appeal Decision _____

I understand the USTA League National Grievance Appeal Committee will only hear appeals to suspensions for a period of 12 months or more; that the committee will only hear appeals to suspensions after confirmation that the appropriate local, district or sectional USTA League Grievance Appeal process has occurred; that this hearing is to ensure proper procedures were followed by the section; that this hearing will take place as soon as reasonable; that the Hearing Guidelines, as set forth in the USTA League National Grievance Appeal Committee Procedures, will be applicable; that the majority decision of the USTA League National Grievance Appeal Committee cannot be further appealed.

Brief Written Statement (if desired):

Attached is all documentation of original grievance, appeal and decisions rendered. <i>This documentation must be provided at time of National Appeal.</i>

Signature

OFFICE USE:

Time received:

Section and Area/District:		Date:		Time:	
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USTA LEAGUE NATIONAL GRIEVANCE APPEAL COMMITTEE **GUIDELINE PROCEDURES (11)**

This Committee has the responsibility for ensuring that proper procedures have been followed and due process granted.

Decisions by USTA League National Grievance Appeal Committee must include:

1. Findings of fact - jurisdiction.
2. Finding of fact - suspension
3. Decision based on findings of fact and the guidelines set forth below.

Jurisdiction

Appeals to the USTA League National Grievance Appeal Committee for a player suspension for a period of 12 months or more are based on USTA League Regulation 3.04B(4). Following the decision of the local, district or sectional USTA League Grievance Appeal Committee, if the team captain or the player suspended desires to appeal the suspension, he/she shall file written notice of appeal with the Chairman of the USTA League Grievance Appeal Committee, within the deadline set by the section.

Suspension

In the event of a suspension under USTA League Regulation **3.04C Grievance Appeal Committee Action**, the USTA League National Grievance Appeal Committee shall:

- Ensure that proper procedures were followed by the section (see questions below)
- Hear such further evidence as it, in its absolute discretion, deems appropriate.

Questions to be asked by the USTA League National Grievance Appeal Committee include:

- Were the regulations followed by the local, district or section USTA League Grievance and grievance Appeal Committees?
- Was the player properly notified in accordance with USTA League Tennis Regulations?

Hearing guidelines:

1. The hearings may be conducted by conference call.
2. The Committee at its discretion may seek additional information.
3. Prior to commencement of the hearing, the USTA League National Grievance Appeal Committee shall review any additional information.
4. The Committee shall determine if the additional information impacts the decision made by the local, district, or section Grievance Appeal Committee.
5. The Committee shall have the authority to affirm, modify or reject the decision of the local, district or section Grievance Appeal Committee but may not impose any harsher penalties.
6. The Committee shall reach its decision and notify the affected player(s)/captain(s) and local, district or section Grievance Appeal Committee in writing of its decision.