

2025 IMMAF Appeal Procedure

1. Change of Decision

A decision rendered at the end of any contest is final and cannot be changed unless the **Chair of the IMMAF Regulatory Affairs Department (Director of Regulatory Affairs)** determines that any one of the following has occurred:

1. **Collusion** – There was collusion affecting the result of the bout.
2. **Scorecard Error** – The compilation of the scorecards was incorrect, and the decision was awarded to the wrong contestant.
3. **Rule Violation** – There was a clear violation of the rules and regulations governing IMMAF competition that affected the outcome of the bout (e.g., a misinterpretation of a rule by the referee).

A **Petition for Change** that is not based on the aforementioned grounds will not be considered. **Petitions seeking to contest the judges' decision solely based on a difference of opinion will not be grounds for changing a decision.**

2. Standing

A written **Petition for Change** shall only be accepted if filed by:

- The contestant involved in the bout.
- A representative of the contestant, with the relationship clearly defined in the submission.

No other parties shall have the standing to contest a bout on any grounds.

3. Submission Requirements

All **Petitions for Change** must include the following:

- A formal written request stating the grounds for the appeal.
- Video evidence from **IMMAF TV ONLY** (no external sources will be accepted).
- All supporting documents and judge scorecards.

Failure to provide complete documentation will result in the appeal being dismissed.

4. Delivery Process

All **Petitions for Change** must be submitted both:

1. **In person** to the Cage Commissioner, who will forward the petition to the **Chair of the IMMAF Regulatory Affairs Department (Director of Regulatory Affairs)**.
2. **By email** to regulatory.affairs@immaf.org with the subject line: "**Petition for Change**".

Panel Board:

- The **Disciplinary Officer (Compliance Officer) of IMMAF** to verify the decision made by the Panel Board.
- A **Cage Commissioner** or any IMMAF official holding a **Level A or Professional certification**, authorized by the **Chair of the IMMAF Regulatory Affairs Department (Director of Regulatory Affairs)** to access appeals during the event.

Note: If the Disciplinary Officer is not present, the Director of Regulatory Affairs will designate another qualified Commissioner who does not present a conflict of interest to verify the decision made by the Panel Board.

5. Review Process

1. The petition will be reviewed along with all supporting evidence, including video footage from **IMMAF TV**.
2. If the petition meets the required criteria, it will be escalated to the **Panel Board** for final assessment.
3. The **Panel Board** will consist of:
 - **Three (3) IMMAF officials**, who may include **Cage Commissioners** or any other officials holding an **IMMAF Level A or Professional certification** and are neutral to the bout in question.
 - The **Disciplinary Officer of IMMAF**, who will verify the decision without voting rights.

All decisions must be made by a **2/3 majority**, and the final decision will be communicated by the **Chair of the IMMAF Regulatory Affairs Department (Director of Regulatory Affairs)**.

6. Appeal Fee

- A **\$100 USD** fee must accompany the petition.
- If the petition results in a successful change of decision, the fee will be refunded.
- If the petition is denied, the fee will be retained by IMMAF.

7. Timeline for Appeals

- Appeals must be submitted within **15 minutes** of the conclusion of the bout.
- Supporting evidence must be provided within **2 hours** following the bout's conclusion.

8. Finality of Decisions

The **Panel Board's** decision is **final and binding**, and no further appeals will be considered after a ruling has been made. The judgment of the **ringside physician** is considered **final and non-contestable**.

9. Disqualification from Protest

- Failure by any team member to maintain a **calm and professional manner** following the result of a decision will result in disqualification from the appeal process.
- **Aggression or violence** shown by any team member will result in **disqualification** from the appeal process.
- Any team member being **argumentative** or failing to leave the **cage and field of play** as directed will result in disqualification from the appeal process.
- Any team member **approaching an official or IMMAF representative** after filing the appeal will result in the process being terminated.
- **Sharing of public statements** by any team representative ahead of the appeal review or failure to respect the final decision of an official or review will be **reported and reviewed by the Disciplinary Officer**.

Final Note

If the **Chair of the IMMAF Regulatory Affairs Department (Director of Regulatory Affairs)** is unable to attend an **IMMAF sanctioned event** or needs to step away during an official event, their functions must be carried out by a **qualified individual previously designated** by the **Chair of the IMMAF Regulatory Affairs Department (Director of Regulatory Affairs)**.