

BVF APPEALS PROCESS

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1. Appeals must be made to the Chairman in writing by the due date, stating in full the grounds for the appeal. No additional information may be introduced at a later date.
2. The Chairman will inform the Chair of Selectors in writing, and will notify the provisionally selected squad that an appeal is in process.
3. The Chair of Selectors will reply to the Chairman in writing, giving the reasons why the Selectors had made that choice.
- 4a. If the appeal claims an error of fact or process on the part of the Selectors, then the Chair of Selectors will inform the Chairman at this point whether such an error has been made.
 - i) If such an error has been made, and if it is considered sufficient to justify a change, then the selection will be adjusted accordingly by the Selectors, and the Chairman will inform the fencers involved in writing.
 - ii) If no such error has been made, or if it is insufficient to justify a change, then the Chairman will inform the appellant in writing that their appeal has failed, together with copies of all the documents pertaining to the process.
- 4b. If the appeal is challenging the opinion of the Selectors, then at this point the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary will nominate a panel of three committee members to consider whether the Selectors have acted properly, and to report their findings in writing to the Chairman. The panel must not include the Chairman or any committee member who was involved in the original selection process
 - i) If the panel considers that the Selectors have acted properly, then the Chairman will inform the appellant in writing that their appeal has failed, together with copies of all the documents pertaining to the process.
 - ii) If the panel considers that the Selectors have not acted properly, then the Chairman will inform the Chair of Selectors in writing, together with a copy of the report from the panel, and ask the Selectors to reconsider their selection accordingly.
 - ia) If, on reconsidering, the selectors agree with the panel and adjust the selection in favour of the appellant, the appeal will be deemed to have succeeded. The Chairman will contact both the appellant and the fencer who has now been replaced, and inform them of the decision. The replaced fencer will be entitled to copies of the relevant documentation, but will not be able to make a counter-appeal.
 - ib) If, on reconsidering, the selectors hold by their original decision, then the Chairman will make the final determination. The Chairman will inform all parties concerned in writing, together with copies of all the documents pertaining to the process.
5. Replacements after the published appeals date are not eligible for appeal.

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