

A. APPEALS

1. Decisions by a district executive committee may be appealed to the Athletic Executive Committee or the Fine Arts Executive Committee which shall have the discretion to either accept or decline the appeal.
2. Appeals must be initiated by using the Appeal Form found at www.tapps.net. The completed form must be received by the TAPPS office prior to consideration by the committees or executive board.
3. Appeal Procedure
 - a. **APPEAL BY FAX** - All information, representing both sides of appeal, is faxed to the TAPPS Office, which in turn is forwarded to the appropriate executive committee for decision without discussion. TAPPS office will contact both parties involved in the appeal, make sure all documentation, written testimony is complete before faxing it to the Board. The executive committee's decision may be appealed to the TAPPS Executive Board, whose decision is final.
 - b. **APPEAL BY CONFERENCE CALL** –
 - i. At the request of the person's making the appeal, a conference call hearing is held.
 - ii. Appealing party will deposit \$250.00.
 - iii. If appeal is upheld, \$250.00 will be returned.
 - iv. If appeal is denied fee is applied to conference call expense.
 - c. **IN PERSON APPEAL.** Parties involved in an appeal can wait for the next scheduled board/committee meeting and appear for a hearing in person.
 - d. **APPEALS OF DISTRICT ASSIGNMENT.**
 1. Decisions of the TAPPS Executive Board may be appealed by participant schools affected by the decision.
 2. Schools whose original appeals are denied by the TAPPS Executive Board may not appeal.
 3. See Section 40.

B. Appeal of a District, Executive Committee or Executive Board action must be received in the TAPPS office within ten days of notification of findings. After ten calendar days, the District, Executive Committee or Board action will become final if no appeal has been received.

C. A member school may have a legal representation present at an appeal to provide advice for the school. However, only the school personnel will be allowed to make presentation or direct questioning to the ruling body.

(Sections 41-44 reserved for expansion.)