



Kenmore Bridge Club Appeals

Kenmore Bridge Club regular sessions and Club Championships.

The ruling of the Director must be accepted without argument, however an appeal against the decision can be lodged with the Director within 30 minutes of the end of play which will then be put forward to an Appeals Committee.

The Kenmore Bridge Club Appeals Committee comprises the following club members: -

Loraine King, Anne Russell, Lyn Tracey, Andrew Sharp, Peter Evans and Mick Fawcett.

After the lodgement of an appeal, a selection of available players from the pool listed above convene within a week following the lodgement of the appeal and should consist of at least three people (ideally five), of both genders and who are not bridge playing partners. A Convenor of the Appeals Committee is appointed who acts as the Chair of the Committee for each appeal or may appoint a member of the Committee to act as Chairperson. The Convenor may also invite a neutral person to be an observer.

The objective of the Committee is to provide a courteous and attentive forum for a fair hearing. They should be impartial, present the appearance of impartiality, refrain from camaraderie with any party from lodgement to communication of the decision and treat all proceedings of the Appeals Committee as privileged and confidential, and refrain from discussion with any person other than the Appeals Committee.

The appeals are to be heard at a fixed time and place specified by the Convenor of the Appeals Committee which must be signed by the Director, one player from each pair in a pairs event or the captain of each team in a team event, and must contain the following information: -

- The parties identified by name, pair number or team number
- The board number, dealer, vulnerability
- A record of the hands and the bidding showing alerts
- The appellants submission identifying disputed facts
- A record of the Directors decision including an indication of whether there was an infraction of the Laws of Bridge and whether there is a factual dispute.
- The respondents submission including a statement about disputed facts

The Director must

- confirm that the captain or both members of the partnership concur in appealing,
- provide a copy of the written appeal to the respondents to give them the opportunity to note any disputed facts and to make their own submissions.
- Advise the parties of the time and place fixed for hearing the appeal
- When the appeal has been decided, advise the scorer of the result.

The appeal should be heard in private with all present. The Chair cautions that any harassment of the parties after the decision may result in disciplinary action. Once the case has been heard, all parties except the observers withdraw while the committee deliberates on the matter.

The appeal is decided by a simple majority and the Chair notifies the decision to the Director and each captain or a player from each side in pairs.

The Convenor reports the appeal and provides all documentation to the Kenmore Bridge Club Management Committee for record.

Kenmore Bridge Club Congresses.

The Director appointed for our Congresses will determine an Appeals Committee from the entries to the competition and / or from the list of members on the QBA Appeals Committee (refer QBA website for a list of Appeals Committee members). Ideally, at least one member of Kenmore Bridge Club Appeals Committee should be on the Congress Appeals Committee or at least an observer. Also, the Chairman of the QBA Appeals Committee may be contacted if an appeal arises and he/she is not in the competition.

If an appeal is made at our congress, Kenmore Bridge Club may be privileged to a copy of the report from the Director or Appeals Committee.

Mick Fawcett
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