



Appendix 4
Appeals Process
European Qualification Championships 2021

This procedure sets out the process to be followed, following the Disability Sport NI Training Panel selection meeting to be held on 4th October 2021 and European Qualifier Championships Selection meeting to be held on 15th November 2021. Should any player wish to exercise their right to appeal the decision of the selection panel, (ref. paragraph 17–Disability Sport NI European Qualification Championships Selection Policy).

1. Training Panel Appeal Timeframe

- 1.1 Players who have not been selected for the training panels have the right to meet with the Wheelchair Basketball Performance Lead in order to seek further clarification on their non-selection. The player must request this meeting by 11 October 2021.
- 1.2 After this meeting, players may appeal. This must be a written appeal (letter or email) and must be received by the CEO of Disability Sport NI by 12.00 midnight 14 October 2021.
- 1.3 The Appeals Panel will meet on 18 October 2021 to consider any appeals made within the time limit and will inform appellants of the decision by 22 October 2021. If this timescale cannot be met, Disability Sport NI will advise the appellant on the new timeframe.

2. European Qualifier Championships Selection Appeal Timeframe

- 2.1 Players who have not been selected for the European Qualifier Championships have the right to meet with the Wheelchair Basketball Performance Lead in order to seek further clarification on their non-selection. The player must request this meeting by 22 November 2021.
- 2.2 After this meeting, players may appeal. This must be a written appeal (letter or email) and must be received by the CEO of Disability Sport NI by 12.00 midnight 26th November 2021.
- 2.3 The Appeals Panel will meet on 29 November 2021 to consider any appeals made within the time limit and will inform appellants of the decision by



4 December 2021. If this timescale cannot be met, Disability Sport NI will advise the appellant on the new timeframe.

3. Appeals Process

- 3.1 By initiating the appeals process the athlete agrees to accept the decision of the Appeals Panel as final.
- 3.2 Appeals will only be accepted where a player can provide evidence
 - (a) that procedures had not been followed by the selection panel or
 - (b) that the Selection Panel reached a decision based on an error of fact
- 3.3 Any written appeals submitted to the CEO of Disability Sport NI within the timescale outlined in point 1 and 2, must include the grounds on which the appeal is being made and any supporting evidence or information which the appellant wishes to be taken into consideration by the Appeals Panel. Additional information or evidence submitted after the appeals deadline will not be considered by the Appeals Panel.
- 3.4 The Appeals Panel will only consider the written submissions from the appellant and will not interview witnesses or other individuals at the request of the appellant.
- 3.5 The Appeals Panel will consist of three representatives of Disability Sport NI who were not involved in the initial selection panel.
- 3.6 It must be remembered that the Appeals Panel cannot add or remove athletes from the nomination list but may only refer matters back to the Selection Panel for reconsideration if an appeal is successful.