



## **Cross Country NWT Appeal Policy CWG 2019**

There is only one ground for appeal of coach selection or team selection, that being: 'The selection was not made according to the 2019 Canada Winter Games Coach and Athlete Selection Criteria.'

Note: While this appeal process wording refers only to athletes, any coach may appeal the coach selection and the same process will apply.

### **1. Appeals Committee**

The Executive of Cross Country NWT will appoint a three-person Appeals Committee. The Appeals Committee shall select a chairperson from among themselves. No member of the Appeals Committee shall be related to an eligible Canada Winter Games athlete.

### **2. Appeals Process**

2.1 An athlete (or a parent/guardian representative, should an athlete be younger than 18 years old) may make an appeal based on the selection decision.

2.2 If within 48 hours of team selection, an athlete believes there are grounds for appeal, the athlete must submit to the President of Cross Country NWT, verbally, followed within two (2) days by a written formal (e-mail) appeal, clearly stating the reasons for appeal. A cash deposit of \$200 must accompany the written notice of intent to appeal. Should the appeal decision be successful in favour of the appellant, the deposit will be refunded in full to the athlete upon the successful outcome of the appeal. The deposit will not be refunded if the appellant is unsuccessful.

2.3 The President or President designate will identify and inform any affected parties of the appeal within two (2) days of receipt of the appeal, informing each of their right to participate in the appeal. All information relating to the appeal will be made available to all parties to the appeal.

2.3 The Appeals Committee will convene a meeting either in person or by conference call within three (3) days of written notification of an appeal.



2.4 The appellant and his/her representative will appeal to the Appeals Committee and affected parties will be permitted to participate. An appellant can opt for a documentary review and affected parties will be permitted to supply written submissions for review by the Appeals Committee.

2.5 The Appeals Committee will convene to review all the evidence and make one of the following decisions:

- a) Grant the appeal and direct Cross Country NWT to take appropriate corrective action.
- b) Reject the appeal.

2.6 The decision and explanation will be delivered immediately upon conclusion of panel deliberations in verbal form, followed by a written report from the Appeal Committee to Cross Country NWT and involved parties.

2.7 The decision of the Appeals Committee will be final and not open to any further appeal or intervention by sport bodies or government authorities.