



STUDENT CONDUCT APPEALS

What is an Appeal?

- Any brother found responsible of a conduct violation by the Standards Board of a subordinate chapter may exercise his right to appeal his case in accordance to the chapter bylaws. Once the appellant's rights to appeal have been exhausted, he may exercise a further right of appeal to the National Council or its designee.
- The appeal must clearly state the specific grounds for the appeal and should include all supporting documentation (if applicable). The appeal is not intended to re-hear or re-argue the same case and is limited to the specific grounds outlined below:
 - Procedural error that substantially affected the outcome of the case
 - New information that was not available at the time of adjudication that could substantially affect the finding of responsibility
 - A finding of responsibility against the weight of the evidence.
 - Sanctions that are disproportionately severe in light of the violation committed.
- Any brother who wishes to exercise his right of appeal to the National Council or its designee must do so by filing a written notice of appeal with the National Headquarters within 30 days of the conclusion of the chapter appellate process. The appeal shall be adjudicated within 60 days.
- Except as required to explain the basis of new information, an appeal is limited to the review of the decision letter issued following adjudication, the minutes of the conduct proceedings, and appellant's written statement, and any written response prepared by the Chapter Standards Board or the Individual & Chapter Conduct Standing Committee.
- The appellate board may affirm or reverse in whole or in part the findings of responsibility and sanctions assigned.

Writing an Effective Appeal:

- Brief introduction and clearly state the grounds for the appeal
- Provide any context or supporting information for those grounds
- Conclude with a brief closing statement

Try to limit the overall length of the appeal to one page. State your purpose in a clear and concise manner.

You may submit your appeal to either Senior Director of Standards & Accountability Alex Maxwell or Director of Standards & Accountability Conner Nason by emailing prevacct@pikapp.org who will then bring it before the National Council or their designee.