



Non-Academic Misconduct (NAM) Appeal Panel: Notice of Appeal Form

Section 1: Instructions

A student who wishes to appeal a Non-Academic Misconduct (NAM) decision that is within scope and jurisdiction of the NAM Appeal Panel must submit this form and all supporting documentation to the Non-Academic Misconduct Intake Office (NAMIO) by emailing centralnam.office@queensu.ca. There is no fee for this appeal.

Appeals must be received no later than 4:30 PM ET on the date of the appeal deadline. Appeals received after the appeal deadline will not be processed.

Section 2: Student Information

First Name

Last Name

Student Number

Queen's Email Address

Phone Number

Name of Support Person
and/or Advisor

Section 3: Decision Being Appealed

Decision Letter Date

Name of Decision-Maker or
Decision-Making Body

Decision Type (please check box):

Student Code of Conduct

NAM decision that imposes the sanction of Removal from Residence

NAM decision that imposes the sanction of athletic suspension and/or removal from athletic sport, team, club, or program

Section 4: Grounds for Appeal

Please check all grounds (reasons) for appeal that you wish to have considered.

Breach of Procedural Fairness, meaning:

The decision-maker was biased or had a conflict of interest that prejudiced the student;

The decision-making body misapplied and/or failed to follow applicable rules, regulations, or university policy in a way that impeded the student's right to a fair process;

The decision was unreasonable. A "reasonable" decision is one that is cogent and rational based on the factual record and logical interpretations of rules, regulations, or university policy relevant to the decision. To be reasonable, the decision-maker must provide adequate reasons for the conclusions made. A decision should be upheld if it falls within a range of possible and acceptable outcomes or sanctions.

And/or:

The decision-maker whose decision is being appealed acted without authority or exceeded their jurisdiction.

Section 5: Required Attachments

A copy of the Decision Letter under appeal;

Your Appeal Letter ([see Section 7: Tips for Writing an Appeal Letter](#));

Any supporting documents that you wish to have considered as part of your appeal.

Section 6: Signature

Student's Signature

Full Name (please print)

Submission Date

The personal information collected on this form is collected under the legal authority of the Queen's University Royal Charter of 1841, as amended. The information collected will be used to make a decision regarding your appeal and to provide a response. This information will be retained in accordance with the Queen's Records Management Policy. If you have any questions or concerns about the information collected or how it will be used, please contact NAMIO at centralnam.office@queensu.ca.

Section 7: Tips for Writing an Appeal Letter

Good preparation will help you understand the decision in order to prepare a clear and thorough appeal. Review the decision letter carefully, as it will contain detailed information on the decision-maker's rationale and associated outcomes and sanctions. Reflect on the event and how your behaviour may have contributed. Read all relevant policies and procedures.

Your appeal letter should provide a detailed explanation of why you think the prior decision (i.e., finding of responsibility and outcomes and/or sanctions) should be overturned on appeal. Your appeal letter should also state what outcome you are seeking in place of the prior decision.

You should include any relevant policies, procedures, or supporting documentation to help justify your position. Be sure to refer to the specific Grounds for Appeal in order to explain why the decision should be changed. Appeals will not be granted simply because you disagree.

The suggested length for an appeal letter is 1-2 pages, typed in a legible print size (i.e. Open Sans, size 11, or similar). If your letter is longer, consider if all of the information is factual and relevant to the issue at hand.