



Reasons why your appeal will be denied

1. Player can't compete because they are in their late 30s to mid-40s.

Players can be outstanding softball players well past their mid-30s.

2. Player has added weight and is out of shape.

Players can quickly get back into shape.

3. Player lacks power hitting ability.

Power hitting is not a required to be an effective and useful player in any classification. Home runs do not always win games or tournaments.

4. Player claims they are a below average player at the level they are classified at.

Just being below average does not mean your classification is inappropriate. By definition someone needs to be below average.

5. Player claims there are players better than him at the classification level he wants to move to.

No system is perfect so there are bound to be some inconsistencies. Also, if this rationale were accepted it would create a circular problem where nearly all appeals could be justified. There are always better players.

6. Player wants his classification status changed so he can play with his friends.

Teams do not need to reject their friends who happen to be higher classification players. If they want the appealing player on their team then the team needs to enter at a level where the appealing player is eligible to play once the appeal decision is made. Ultimately if classification issues are a problem a team will need to decide whether playing together in championship play is a priority for them. In making fair and consistent decisions the Appeal Committee cannot allow friendship issues to influence their decisions.

7. Player wants classification changed so he can play on a team that is not required to travel as far to play in various tournaments throughout the year.

In making fair and consistent decisions the Appeals Committee cannot allow one's inability to travel to influence their decisions.

8. Player competes at a lower level in other association's championship play.

Where you play in other associations is of interest to us, it will not dictate the Appeal Committee's decision.

9. Player has suffered an injury or a medical problem.

Unless it can be clearly demonstrated the injury or medical problem has diminished a

player's level of play in a manner obvious to all the Appeal Committee will not grant an appeal for this reason. Medical problems can be overcome and injuries can be cured. Surgeries often lead to improved performance following rehabilitation.

10. Player does not play frequently due to conflicts.

Regardless as to how often a player is able to play the Appeal Committee's responsibility is to place the player in the classification appropriate relative to their current skill level.

11. Player has never played at the level of their rating.

While the player may not have played at that rating, they got that rating because of a high level of success at the level below. It's time for you to play at the higher level.

12. Sponsor has been sponsoring teams for many years.

Sponsorship loyalty is not criteria for allowing teams/players to drop in classification. While everyone is thankful sponsors are willing to put money into an amateur sport for basically no return on investment, the committee would be foolish to allow sponsorship duration to dictate classification.

13. Need to be rated lower to play in another association.

Our player and team ratings only apply in ASA. How another association conducts their business is beyond our scope of responsibility.

Please understand that we will be looking at your playing history in ASA, NSA, and USSSA. If you have won ISA or WSL we have those rosters too.

We review all five (5) of these organizations rosters.