Appeals Process

Appealing a Tournament Director's (TD) ruling in any Farnborough Bridge Club event follows a structured procedure:

- Speak to the director after the session and politely and calmly ask them to explain the reasoning and law behind their decision.
- If the director's ruling stands and you still disagree, you must notify the director immediately of your intention to appeal.
- The intention to appeal (which may be from either player of a pair) must then be notified by email to farnboroughbridge@gmail.com by noon on the day following the director's ruling.
- The email must include a full explanation, and will then be forwarded to the TD in question for their feedback.
- The committee will then respond in writing asking you to fill in an Appeals form which is available for download on FBC's website. **Click here**
- The form requires:
    - Full details of the hand (dealer, vulnerability, auction, alerts, explanations and play)
    - Results of the board (at both tables if playing teams)
    - Clear grounds for the appeal and statements made at the time
    - Details of the initial ruling and name of director
    - Signatures and comments of all relevant parties/pairs
- Please ensure all parties involved have the opportunity to record their comments and input in the designated sections of the appeals form before sending back.
- The committee will then pass the case to a suitably qualified referee (usually an experienced director) OR an appeals committee for which there is a charge of £20 payable to FBC in advance.
- Disciplinary issues will be handled by a senior committee member/officer.
- The referee's/appeals committee decision will be final and the club will not engage in any further discussion on the case.