

sion shall begin on the day that the subsequent rule violation is found by the appropriate committee.

In the event suspension is imposed for subsequent rules violation, the probated suspension shall begin on the day after the suspension for the subsequent rule violation is completely served.

- d. Complaints submitted by an NCHA Director, a class representative, show management or judges, shall be handled in the same manner as outlined above, (\$50.00 deposit is not required). Any such complaint must be filed (postmarked, faxed or hand delivered) within seven (7) days of the closing date of the show involved or within seven (7) days of the alleged rule violation, whichever is applicable.

Section VI—Contestant Appeal Guidelines

STANDING RULE 38. Any member may be disciplined, fined, placed on probation or suspended from the Association, and any member or non-member may be denied all privileges of the Association by the Executive Committee or Hearing Committee or Grievance Committee whenever it shall have been established by a preponderance of the evidence that such member or non-member has violated any rule of the Association. When the rule in question contains a specific punishment provision, any disciplinary action taken by the Executive Committee or Hearing Committee must be consistent with that provision.

- a. When anyone shall be accused of any rule violation, he/she shall be given not less than fifteen (15) days notice of a time and place for an appeal hearing of such accusation by the Executive Committee, or by a Hearing Committee appointed by the NCHA President, at which time and place he shall have the opportunity, in person or by counsel, to be heard and to present evidence in his own behalf and to hear and refute evidence offered against him. An appeal is a “denovo” proceeding and could result in a new finding concerning whether or not there was a violation of a rule(s) and either an enhancement or decrease in the punishment imposed by the Grievance Committee. Any appeal will require a deposit of \$3,000.00 which is refundable only if the appeal is successful.”
- b. Eight (8) members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for purposes of disciplinary hearings.
- c. The NCHA President may appoint a special Hearing Committee to conduct any disciplinary hearing for any appeals. This committee shall have a minimum of five (5) members and a maximum of nine (9) members. Each member of the committee must be a member in good standing of the NCHA. A majority of the committee members shall constitute a quorum for hearing purposes.
- d. No continuance shall be granted unless requested in writing at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing and good cause is shown. A continuance shall be granted or denied at the sole dis-

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