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# David Koenig's status in international Scrabble, including the upcoming WESPA Championship

Dave Koenig [Redacted] Thu, Jun 8, 2023 at 10:35 AM  
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Dear WESPA Executive Committee and ABSP Committee,

The unfortunate reason that I am writing to you is because of wrongful treatment of me by the leadership of NASPA. I have been suspended for three years from tournament play by NASPA. An intellectually honest investigation of how that came to be can only reach one conclusion: not only that I have done nothing wrong, but also that many people in North American Scrabble leadership have done massive things wrong and are trying to avoid accountability for it and put the blame on me.

On May 26, 2023, I submitted the attached appeal document to NASPA and the attached statement of support from Scott Appel. I also included a folder of supporting documents with all of the past history of communication relevant to the case. The "Supporting Documents" folder that I am sending you has the exact same contents except that it has a few additional emails from May 26 onward between NASPA, my lawyer, and me.

My impression of the recent communications is that NASPA is attempting to avoid dealing with this until after the upcoming WESPA Championship, possibly both in order to delay them being held accountable for their actions and to prevent me from being able to play in the tournament. I am also concerned because NASPA has contacted WESPA about my suspension, which could interfere with my ability to play in tournaments outside of North America.

My hope is that both WESPA and ABSP will thoroughly review this case and come to the natural conclusion that there is nothing legitimate in this decision against me and refuse to respect and reciprocate it for tournaments outside of North America.

I am also curious whether WESPA and/or ABSP can do anything to help me play in the upcoming WESPA Championship, or at least to hold NASPA to account for their mishandling of my situation.

I appreciate whatever help you can give me.

Sincerely,  
David Koenig

[Supporting Documents.zip](#)

**2 attachments**

**NASPA EC Appeal.pdf**  
893K

**Statement from Scott Appel.pdf**  
35K