



SUMMARY OF REVISIONS TO OPTIONAL APPEAL PROCEDURES

JAMS Optional Appeal Procedures, Amended and Effective February 1, 2025

Introduction

Revised for clarity and to reflect the amount of time the Optional Appeal Procedures (OAP) have been available.

Procedure (A)

Defines when the OAP apply. Formerly addressed panel membership, selection, and disclosures. These are now addressed in Procedure (E).

Procedure (B)

Revised for clarity. Previously included several subsections, which now appear elsewhere in the OAP.

Procedure (C)

Formerly Procedure (B), subsection (ii). Revised for clarity.

Procedure (D)

Formerly Procedure (C). Revised for clarity.

Procedure (E)

Formerly addressed party nonparticipation. Now addresses panel membership, selection, and disclosures. Aligns the processes for panel selection and disclosures with the JAMS Rules in the underlying arbitration, "except that JAMS will provide a list of at least five (5) Panel candidates and each side may strike one (1) name from the list."

Procedure (F)

Addresses filing fees and fees in the underlying arbitration. Formerly addressed service of the panel's decision, which is now addressed in Procedure (L).

Procedure (G)



Formerly Procedure (B), subsection (iii). Revised for clarity.

Procedure (H)

Formerly Procedure (B), subsection (iv). Now indicates that the panel, not the case manager, will set a briefing schedule if the parties need one and cannot agree. Clarifies that opening briefs shall be no longer than 25 double-spaced pages unless the parties agree or the panel determines otherwise.

Procedure (I)

Formerly Procedure (B), subsection (v). Revised for clarity.

Procedure (J)

Formerly Procedure (D). Now allows 30 days (versus 21 days previously) for the panel to render a decision absent good cause for an extension. Now states: "The Panel's decision shall consist of a written statement signed by the Panel regarding the disposition of each claim and the relief, if any, as to each claim. Unless all parties agree otherwise, the decision shall also contain a concise written statement of the reasons for the decision. The Panel's decision shall constitute a final Award for purposes of judicial review."

Procedure K

Formerly Procedure (E). Revised for clarity.

Procedure L

Formerly Procedure (F). Revised for clarity and to eliminate reference to service by U.S. mail. Revised language regarding the final award now appears in Procedure (J) (see above).