RUSSIA

Country	Legal basis	Procedure - competent bodies - procedure - appeal	Decisions challenged and grounds for complaints	Standing	Time limits - for introducing the complaint - for decision making	Decision-making power	Criminal and administrative sanctions
Russia	Federal Law "On Elections of Deputies to the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation" **Chapter 13**	**Article 98** 1. Appeals against decisions and actions (inactions) violating citizens' electoral rights shall be made in a manner and within deadlines established by the Federal Law "**On Basic Guarantees**". 2. **Election commissions** shall, within their competence, consider during the election campaign complaints about violations of this Federal Law, other federal laws with respect to the preparation and conduct of elections, received by them; verify these complaints, and reply to the persons who submitted the communications in writing within five days but no later than the day preceding the voting day. On complaints received on the voting day, answers replies shall be given immediately, and on complaints received after the voting day, but before the establishment of voting results, election results to the	**Federal Law "On Basic Guarantees** **Article 75.** 10. decisions and actions (omissions) that violate electoral rights of citizens and the right of citizens to participate in a referendum **Federal Law "On Elections of Deputies to the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation** **Article 50** 3. In the event it should be decided against the registration of a federal list of candidates, the CEC shall be obliged within three	**Federal Law "On Basic Guarantees** **Article 75** 10. Appeals may be submitted by voters, referendum participants, candidates, their agents, electoral associations, and their agents, other public associations, a referendum initiative group, its authorized representatives, observers, and commissions.	**Article 98** 2. Election commissions shall, within their competence, consider during the election campaign complaints about violations of this Federal Law, other federal laws with respect to the preparation and conduct of elections, received by them; verify these complaints, and reply to the persons who submitted the communications in writing **within five days but no later than the day preceding** the voting day. On complaints received on the voting day, answers replies shall be given immediately, and on complaints received after the voting day, but before the establishment of voting results, election results to the	**Article 99** 1. Registration of a federal list of candidates shall be annulled by decision of the **Central Election Commission** on the basis of a decision of a political party to revoke the federal list of candidates submitted to the Central Election Commission in accordance with Article 56 of this Law. 8. Decision of the Central Election Commission on registration of the federal list ofcandidates, on refusal to register a federal list of candidates may be overturned by **theSupreme Court** of the Russian Federation upon application of the Central Election Commission, a political party in respect of which the decision was made, another political party whose federal list of candidates was registered, if it shall be determined that the decision of the Central Election Commission was adopted in violation of the	The Criminal Code Of The Russian Federation No. 63-Fz Of June 13, 1996 ***Chapter 19. Crimes Against the Constitutional Rights and Freedoms of Man and Citizen*** **Article 141.** Obstruction of the Exercise of Electoral Rights or of the Work of Electoral Commissions **Article 141.1.** Breaking the Procedure for Financing the Election Campaign of a Candidate, of an Election Association, for the Activities of a Referendum Initiative Group, of Other Group of Referendum Participants **Article 142.** Falsification of Election Documents and Referendum Documents **Article 142.1.** Falsification of Voting Results

	An application for annulment of registration	State Duma – before the decision on voting results, election results. If an additional verification of the facts alleged in the complaints is required, decisions on such complaints shall be made within ten days. If the complaint alleging violations of the present Federal Law, other federal laws with respect to the preparation and conduct of elections, is made by apolitical party that nominated a federal list of candidates or a candidate, representatives of that political party or candidate shall be promptly notified of the receipt of such complaint. These persons are entitled to provide explanations on the matter of the complaint. 3. In case of violation by a political party or a candidate of this Federal Law, the **Central Election Commission, the district election commission**, within its competence shall be entitled to issue are warning to that political party, candidate, which shall be made known to the voters through the mass media or otherwise.	days from the adoption of such decision to issue an authorized agent of a political party a copy of the decision that explains the reasons of refusal. Rejection may be justified by the following reasons: 1) non-compliance with the requirements of nomination of a federal list of candidates provided for in the Federal Laws “On Political Parties”, “On Basic Guarantees” and in this Federal Law; 2) lack among the documents submitted for the registration of a federal list of candidates of documents necessary in accordance with this Federal Law for the registration of a federal list of candidates; 3) the presence on the day before the session of the CEC, which is to consider the question		State Duma – before the decision on voting results, election results. If an additional verification of the facts alleged in the complaints is required, decisions on such complaints shall be made **within ten days**. If the complaint alleging violations of the present Federal Law, other federal laws with respect to the preparation and conduct of elections, is made by apolitical party that nominated a federal list of candidates or a candidate, representatives of that political party or candidate shall be promptly notified of the receipt of such complaint. These persons are entitled to provide explanations on the matter of the complaint.	requirements stipulated by part 3 of Article 50 of the present Federal Law, or other requirements of this Federal law. **Article 100** 1. If during the voting or determination of voting results there were violations of this164Federal Law, Federal Law "On Basic Guarantees", the higher election commission, prior to establishing voting results, election results to the State Duma, may cancel the decision of a lower election commission on voting results, election results and decide to hold a recount of votes, and if the violations do not allow to reliably determine the results of expression of the voters' will - declare the voting results, election results invalid. 4. The respective court, upon application of a voter challenging the voting results in a precinct where the voter voted in elections, may cancel the decision of the precinct election commission on voting results in that precinct […]. 5. Cancellation by a court of decision of an election	

			of a federal list of candidates' registration, among the documents submitted in accordance with Articles 42 and 46 of this Federal law, documents drawn up in violation of the requirements provided for in subsections 3 - 5 of Article 38, part 4 and 6 of Article 39, paragraphs 1 - 5 and 8 of Article 42 of this Federal law (except in cases of information for individual candidates on the federal list of candidates); 4) absence of any information provided for in paragraphs 1 - 3, and 5 of Article 42 of this Federal law (except in cases of absence of information in respect of individual candidates on the federal list of candidates) on the day preceding the day of the session of the CEC, which is to consider			commission on voting results because violations do not allow to reliably determine the results of expression of the voters' will(determine the real will of the voters) shall entail declaration of these voting results invalid by the respective election commission.	

			the question of a federal list of candidates for registration in the documents submitted in accordance with Article 42 of this Federal law; 5) established by the decision of the court the fact of non-compliance with the political party of restrictions imposed by paragraph 1 or 1.1 of Article 56 of the Federal Law "**On Basic Guarantees**";				