

# Rule 214 PROTEST, GRIEVANCES, TOUCHLINE MISCONDUCT, ASSAULT OR ABUSE

## 214.1 Protests

(a) PROTESTS are complaints arising out of the misapplication of the Laws of the Game or misapplication of a league/district/state administrative rule. The protest must be based upon violations of the published rules of the competition or Washington Youth Soccer rules or FIFA Laws of the Game. Only those directly involved are permitted to file a protest. Only the coach of record for the game may file a protest.

(b) Each Washington Youth Soccer Member Association and District shall adjudicate all protests arising out of competitions conducted by that Member Association and District.

(c) The Washington Youth Soccer Disciplinary Committee shall adjudicate all protests arising out of competitions conducted by Washington Youth Soccer. (unless competition rules state otherwise)

(d) If a match will be protested, the referee and opposing coach must be notified within ten (10) minutes of the final whistle.

(e) Any protest must be submitted in writing, accompanied by a \$100.00 fee (money order or cashier's check) to the proper authority as outlined in the procedures described herein within forty-eight (48) hours of the event being protested. The fee is refundable if the protest is upheld. No hearing or other administrative action shall result from circumstances or charges which are only communicated verbally.

(1) All protests must include the specific circumstances and rule / Laws of the Game violation(s) which lead to the protest.

(f) Filing Procedures:

A protest must be filed in writing and shall include:

- (1) The nature and specifics of the complaint.
- (2) A listing of the rules or procedures which have been violated, including rule number.
- (3) A statement of the desired resolution.
- (4) Proper filing fee.
- (5) Must be signed by the person submitting the protest.

(g) The hearing and adjudication of any protest or allegation of misconduct must be completed within the following time frames after the filing of the cause of action in its completed form:

- State Sponsored Tournament 7 days
- All Others 30 days

(h) The decision and/or disciplinary sanctions imposed as the result of a hearing of any protest shall be binding at all levels, and shall be recognized by all affiliated organizations (leagues, tournaments, etc.). The filing of an appeal shall not "stay" the execution of such decisions and/or disciplinary sanctions.

**NOTICE OF PROTEST**  
**To Washington Youth Soccer State Cup Committee**

**PLEASE ATTACH PROTEST FEE: \$100.00**  
**(Cashier's Check or Money Order Only)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **CASHIER'S CHECK**

\_\_\_\_\_ **MONEY ORDER**

A. Individual/Organization filing Protest (the Protester)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Opposing Party

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Date and Time of Game or Incident Being Protested: \_\_\_\_\_

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D. Location of Game or Incident: \_\_\_\_\_

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E. Please Describe the Claimed Errors: \_\_\_\_\_

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F. List Rules or Procedures You Claim Were Violated, Including Rule Numbers:

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G. Please State Briefly the Desired Resolution: \_\_\_\_\_

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The protest must be submitted before 5 pm Monday after the game being protested. See Washington Youth Soccer Protest Rule 214.1. If a match will be protested, the referee and opposing coach must be notified at the conclusion of the match that a protest will be filed.

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of this Notice of Protest, together with appropriate protest fee in the amount of \$100.00 (in the form of cashier's check or money order made payable to Washington Youth Soccer) has been delivered to:

Washington Youth Soccer  
ATTENTION: State Cup Committee  
500 S. 336<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100  
Federal Way, WA 98003

On \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM

I further certify that a true and correct copy of this Notice of Protest has been sent to all parties listed in Section B.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Protester \_\_\_\_\_