

SAY North Protest Procedure

Protest Overview:

- Any protest **MUST** be brought to the attention of the referees.
- The game will be stopped, and a hearing will be held immediately.
- The protesting coach must post a \$50.00 cash bond with the Protest Committee.
- If the protest is upheld, the bond will be returned. The game will then resume at the point where play stopped.
- If the protest is upheld and was timely in its filing, any playing time and or goals will be reset as if it never happened.
- If the protest is denied, no changes will be made to the game played prior to stoppage for the protest deliberations. The \$50 bond will not be returned.

Protest Process:

- Coach must bring the protest to the attention of the referee DURING the game.
- The opposing coach must be notified.
- See the protests rules from the SAY North rules as to what is able to be protested and what is not.
 - Rule 9 – PROTESTS section has been included for reference here.
- The protesting coach MUST pay a \$50 cash bond.
 - Provide bond to the Tournament Site Director.
- Field marshal will contact the local tournament coordinator of the protest.
 - Landen (Kings) – Deb Cowan @ 513-476-3450
 - Hopewell (WCSC) – Connie Murley @ 513-720-2745
- If someone on the committee can convince the protesting coach that they are wasting their time and money because they are protesting a judgement call, then the case does not need to move forward to the committee.
- Local tournament coordinator will contact Tournament Protest Committee for discussion & ruling.
 - Delos Whitten – 513-288-4967
 - Mike Strotman – 513-702-4965
 - Deb Cowan - 513-476-3450 (Kings)
 - Connie Murley - 513-720-2745 (WCSC)

NOTE: only need 2 members of the committee to make a ruling.
- Ruling of the committee is final!
- Game resumes from where it was stopped.

RULE 9 – PROTESTS

- 1. Judgment calls by referees may not be protested. For example, no official protest may be made concerning the referee's judgment as to:
 - A. who committed the foul or whether a foul was intentional or even committed;
 - B. whether a goal was or was not scored;
 - C. which team should be awarded the ball when the ball goes out of play over the goal-lines or the touchlines;

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- D. Allowing or failing to allow an “advantage”, etc.
- 2. An official protest concerning a particular game and any incidents which occurred during that game may be lodged by the Head Coach, or his (or her) assistant when the Head Coach is not present, ONLY if it is alleged that a PLAYING RULE or LAW was incorrectly applied or enforced by the referee.
- For example:
 - A. awarding a penalty kick for a dangerous play or unsporting behavior;
 - B. allowing a team to play with eleven players after a player has been ejected during the course of the game, etc.
- 3. Official Protest Procedure:
 - A. An informal, but official, verbal protest must be made to the referee(s) by the Head coach or his/her assistant when the Head Coach is not present, at (preferably) or close to, the time of the incident; but in all cases, it must be made before the referee(s) have left the playing area.
 - B. A simple or vague complaint about a call or calls will not suffice – the words “official protest” must be used, and the reason for the protest must be made clear. (If this is done at the time of the incident, a mistake by a referee can often be easily rectified without the need for any further action.) Any coach who has made an official verbal protest may withdraw that protest at any time.
 - C. The opposing coach must be notified of the protest by the referee.