

Games-time Protest Process

This process is not intended to create opportunities to alter decisions made on the field of play by officials (the PSO process would apply in this case). Nor is it the intention that this process would be utilized for behavioural issues such as infractions/transgressions of the Code of Conduct off the field of play, these would be managed through the Discipline Process.

This process comes into effect for non-competition/off-field of play protests that are related to the competition and may include eligibility of an athlete or athletes, last minute changes in schedule that impact specific teams, etc.

Protest Process

- All protests must be made in writing prior to the commencement of the game or event in question.
- The time and date must appear on the protest and it must be signed by the individual making the protest.
- Protests may only be submitted by a registered head coach or assistant coach for the sport and respective zone.
 - Protests are presented to the Provincial Sport Organization Representative (PSO Rep) for the sport. The PSO Rep is a registered participant for the Games and they are the designated technical delegate for the Games who is able to make decisions on behalf of the Provincial Sport Organization.
- Once a protest is submitted, the PSO Rep will assemble the Sport Jury.
 - The Sport Jury is appointed by the Provincial Advisor (the technical representative for the PSO to the Games, who may or may not also be registered as the PSO Rep).
 - The Sport Jury is made up of at least three individuals who are registered as official or PSO Rep for the Games and does not include athletes, or head coaches, or assistant coaches).
- The Sport Jury must make a decision on the protest within two hours of the receipt of the protest. The time and date of the decision and the signatures of the Sport Jury members will be included on the decision.
- One copy of the Sport Jury's decision is to be presented to the person who made the protest. Copies are also to be provided to the head official and the PSO Rep, and a copy is also posted at the sport venue.
- A copy of the protest and the decision is forwarded to BC Games Society staff by the Provincial Advisor or the PSO Rep.
- The decision of the Sport Jury may be appealed within two hours after the posting of the decision by the Sport Jury.
- The appeal must be made in writing and signed by the head coach or assistant coach and presented to BC Games Society staff by the PSO Rep.
- BC Games Society staff will convene the BC Games Jury within four hours of the appeal being received.
 - The BC Games Jury includes the BC Games Event Manager responsible for Sport, the Host Society Director of Sport, one member of the Sport Jury (for the respective sport), and the Host Society Operations Manager or another Host Society Director.
- The decision of the BC Games Jury will be provided in writing to the PSO Rep for posting at the sport venue. It will also be provided to the individual making the protest and to the head official. The time and date of the decision and the signatures of the BC Games Jury members will be on the decision.
- The decision of the BC Games Jury is final.