

PART VIII

Protests

11.1 Right to Protest and Time Limits

- A. A protest as to the validity of an entry, rejection of an entry or length of course lies only with the entrant and must be lodged at least twenty-four (24) hours before the start of the competition.
- B. Technical protests against another competitor or the Technical Director regarding particular specifications that are routinely inspected by the Technical Director are not permitted. A protest regarding compliance with specifications that are not routinely inspected is permitted.
- C. A protest against the scorers, timekeepers or award of positions lies only with the entrant and must be lodged within thirty (30) minutes, or as prescribed in the entry form, after the official posting of results.
- D. A protest against any actions of another competitor during a race meeting lies only with the entrant and must be lodged within thirty (30) minutes, or as prescribed in the entry form, after the action complained of or the finish of the competition, whichever is later.
- E. A protest against any actions taken by race officials lies with a driver or mechanic only when such actions are taken against such driver or mechanic, as opposed to the entrant. Protests of actions taken by race officials must be lodged within thirty (30) minutes, or as prescribed in the entry form, after the action complained of or the finish of the competition, whichever is later.
- F. The following matters, and any others which may be designated as non-protestable in these rules, which involve the exercise of judgment by the Stewards, are not protestable and the decision of the Stewards is final and binding:
 - 1. The decision to call or not call or to end a yellow caution period;
 - 2. The decision of the Steward to signal a driver to pass the pace car under yellow or the Steward's judgment as to whether a proper passing signal was given;
 - 3. The matter of whether a penalty could or should be applied or imposed during or after the race;
 - 4. The decision as to whether a driver should be black-flagged and stopped in the pits for consultation;
 - 5. The decision as to whether a driver ignored a black flag;
 - 6. The decision of the Steward as to whether pit equipment rules were violated;
 - 7. The decision of the Stewards as to whether a driver flagrantly improved his position prior to crossing the starting line at the start of the race;
 - 8. The decision as to whether to red flag the race;
 - 9. The decision as to whether to declare a tie for a position;
 - 10. The decision as to whether a car is in a hazardous condition such that it will not be permitted to continue in competition;
 - 11. The decision as to whether any extension of qualifications might interfere with preparation for the race;
 - 12. The decision to reposition a car for a starting or restarting violation;
 - 13. The decision to impose a detention or disqualification penalty during a competition.
- G. Protests of actions taken by the Director of Competition, including suspensions, must be lodged within twenty-four (24) hours after formal notification of the action.

11.2 Submission of Protests - when the Chief Steward pronounces the penalty at a race meeting, related protests must be submitted to the Chief Steward. All other protests must be submitted to the Director of Competition.

11.3 Content of Protests - Protests shall be in writing accompanied by the prescribed protest fee and shall clearly state the errors that are claimed. Each claimed error must be stated in specific rather than general terms and must be accompanied by a written statement of the facts and grounds upon which it is based.

11.4 Protest Fees - Protest fees shall be as follows:

- A.....Silver Crown Division.....\$500.00
- B.....Sprint Car Division (All).....\$250.00
- C.....Midget Division (All).....\$250.00

NOTE: The protest fee will be returned if the protest is deemed well founded. Protest fees posted regarding the legality of engine capacity will be allowed to be protested in the event the protested engine capacity is found to be legal and will not be returned to the protestant.

- 11.5 Adjudication of Protests** - When the Chief Steward pronounces the penalty at a race meeting, related protests shall be decided by the Chief Steward. The Director of Competition shall decide all other protests. The protestant and any entrant or other participant in interest shall be entitled to be heard and given an opportunity to call witnesses and shall be given adequate notice of the hearing. The hearing shall be informal and shall be confined to the errors claimed in the protest and evidence relevant to those errors.
- 11.6 Withholding of Award** - An award gained by a competitor who has been protested against shall be withheld until the protest has been finally adjudicated in accordance with these rules.
- 11.7 Judgment** - All parties concerned shall be bound by the decision given, subject only to appeal as hereinafter provided.
- 11.8 Re-Run** - Neither the Chief Steward nor the Director of Competition shall have power to order a completed competition to be run again.
- 11.9 Default of Right to Protest** - Any contestant who voluntarily competes in any competition, which is not in accordance with the entry blank conditions, as published thereby waives his right to protest against the non-enforcement of such conditions.
- A. **Compliance with Procedure** - Any protest, which fails to comply with the foregoing requirements, may be denied and disregarded. Any error not specifically raised in the protest shall be deemed to have been waived.