

POLICY: PROTOCOL FOR RACE DAY DISPUTES

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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to outline the protocol for handling of race day disputes.

Policy

1. Judges (Race Officials) on race days will make decisions based on the current version of AusDBF Competition Regulations & Rules of Racing and local rules.
2. If a Club wishes to lodge a protest following a race, the Club shall lodge the written protest with the Chief Official within 15 minutes of the race finish.
3. A written protest against a race result must be lodged with the Chief Official within 15 minutes of that result being announced/published.
4. A fee of \$55 (GST inclusive) should accompany any written protest and will be refunded if the protest is upheld. The entire process must be completed by the same person.
5. The protest will be heard by the Competition Committee (R2.3/2.4) consisting of the Chief Official, Chief Judge and Chief Course Umpire.
The fourth person is either the Race Secretary or Starter.
The Chief Official will act as Chair.
The meeting will be called allowing up to 30 minutes to discuss the protest except in exceptional circumstances.
The Chief Official will inform the decision of the Competition Committee to all parties involved in writing and the reasons for the decision.
6. If a Club is dissatisfied with a decision, they may lodge a written appeal which should be accompanied with the fee of \$55 (GST inclusive) which will be refunded if the appeal is successful.
7. This appeal will be heard by a Race Jury (R9.10) consisting of any five Member Clubs' representative named on the Jury List who are not involved in the dispute and those people are to be fully conversant with the rules of racing.
8. The Race Jury' decision and the reason will be given in writing within 10 minutes of the decision being reached to all parties involved and the decisions of the Race Jury will be final.