

## POLICY: PROTOCOL FOR RACE DAY DISPUTES

<b>Policy No</b>	012	<b>Issue</b>		12	
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### Purpose

This policy aims to outline the protocol for handling race day disputes.

Attached are the forms: Racing Protest, Racing Appeal, and Race Jury List.

### Policy

1. On race days, judges (Race Officials) 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 Race Secretariat who shall accept the form on behalf of the Race Day Official, within 15 minutes of the race finish.
3. A written protest against a race result must be lodged with the Race Secretariat who shall accept the form on behalf of the Race Day Official within 15 minutes of that result being announced/published.
4. Any written protest should be accompanied by a fee of \$55 (GST inclusive), which will be refunded if the protest is upheld. The same person must complete the entire process.
5. The protest will be heard by the Competition Committee (R2.3/2.4), which consists of the Race Day Official, Chief Judge, and Chief Course Umpire. The fourth person is either the Race Secretary or Starter. The Race Day Official will act as Chair. The meeting will be called allowing up to 30 minutes to discuss the protest except in exceptional circumstances. The Race Day 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 (R2.5) adapted to local racing 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's decision and reason will be given in writing to all parties involved within 10 minutes of the decision being reached, and the decisions of the Race Jury will be final.



**RULE OF RACING**

**DBSA RACING PROTEST FORM**

(Yellow Paper)

<b>Team name:</b>			
<b>Team manager:</b>			
<b>Race number:</b>		<b>Lane number:</b>	

<b>Appeal details:</b>

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Team Manager**

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

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**RACE SECRETARIAT**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fee received:** \_\_\_\_\_ (amount)



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<b>Team name:</b>			
<b>Team manager:</b>			
<b>Race number:</b>		<b>Lane number:</b>	

<b>Protest details:</b>

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Team Manager

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**RACE SECRETARIAT**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Fee received: \_\_\_\_\_ (amount)

