

FIPFA PROTEST PROCEDURES DURING COMPETITIONS

Protests may be submitted by:

- A NOPF representative authorised to submit protests (for example, Chef de Mission or Team Manager); and/or FIPFA Chief Classifier or a person designated for that event.
- The Chief Classifier, or a person designated for that event, shall be the person authorised to receive protests on behalf of FIPFA at that event.

An athlete's sport class may be protested by their country's representative within 60 MINUTES after the athlete has completed evaluation.

Protests must be submitted written in English on FIPFA protest form that is available from the Chief Classifier or their designee, and accompanied by 100 EUROS. The information and documentation to be submitted with the protest form should include the following:

- The name, nation of the athlete whose sport class is being protested;
- The reason for the protest;
- Details of the decision being protested;
- Any documents and other evidence to be offered in support of the protest;
- The signature of the NF representative or the Chief Classifier, where applicable; and
- A fee of 100 EUROS

Validation of protest

Upon receipt of the protest form, the Chief Classifier shall conduct a review to determine if there are grounds for a protest and if all necessary information is included.

If it appears to the Chief Classifier that the protest form has been submitted without all necessary information, the Chief Classifier shall dismiss the protest and notify all relevant parties. If the protest is declined the Chief Classifier shall state why the protest is not accepted. The protest fee will be returned.

If the protest is accepted, the Chief Classifier shall notify all relevant parties of the time and date for protest evaluation.

Protest Panel During Competition

The Chief Classifier will appoint a protest panel to conduct an evaluation of the athlete. The protest panel shall consist of 3 (three) classifiers, of equal or greater level of certification, as those involved in the most recent allocation of the athlete's sport class.

Members of the protest panel should have no direct involvement in the allocation of the athlete's sport class being protested, unless this evaluation took place more than 18 (eighteen) months prior to the protest being submitted. This will take effect after 2011

All documentation submitted with the protest form shall be provided to the protest panel. Protest panels should conduct the protest evaluation without reference to the classification panel which allocated the athlete's most recent sport class.

If needed, the protest panel may seek medical, sport or scientific expertise in reviewing an athlete's sport class including the written findings of the initial panel.

All relevant parties shall be notified of the protest decision. Written notification must be provided to the athlete on the standardised protest form.