

## Rationale

The OSGA (Ontario Senior Games Association) recognizes that from time to time concerns will arise about how individual events are run. In situations where these concerns are deemed by the individual involved to be serious and cannot be answered by the event convener, or where the event convener feels it is appropriate, the concern will be referred to a Jury of Appeal.

## Policy Guidelines

1. Recognized protests will be related to:
  - a. technical rule interpretations;
  - b. rule related disputes; (e.g. enforcement of rules etc)
  - c. competitor eligibility.(refer to G003)
2. A protest of any nature must first be verbally presented to the event convener who will act upon the protest, deny the protest or refer the protest to a jury of appeal.
3. The event convener will inform the person initiating the protest that should he or she not be satisfied with the ruling of the convener, a written protest should be prepared, and will be presented by the convener to the OSGA Rules Committee Chair.
4. Written protests must be prepared and presented to the event convener within 30 minutes of the completion of the game/event in which that the infraction occurred. Notification of the District Coordinator(s) concerned should occur.
5. The written protest will include the nature of the protest, names of any witnesses (If applicable) or sources upon which the protest has been made.
6. When a written protest has been received, the OSGA Rules Chair will convene a Jury of Appeal consisting of the following:
  - a. OSGA Rules Chair who will conduct the Jury of appeal;
  - b. a sport technical chair or designate;
  - c. to be determined by the Host Committee (unbiased 3<sup>rd</sup> person)
7. The Jury of appeal may at its discretion call any witnesses or persons with related expertise as it sees fit or the appropriate District Coordinator.
8. The Jury of Appeal will arrive at its decision in camera and will render its decision in writing with copies to the appropriate District Coordinator, the Chair of the host Committee, OSGA files, and the competitor making the protest.
9. Where the Jury of Appeal has had to reverse event standings. The event convener will be responsible for announcing this decision with reference to the written decision of the Jury of Appeal.



10. Where a competitor has been removed from the competition based on eligibility, the District Convener will inform the said competitor of the Jury's ruling and the reasons for it.
  
11. The decisions of the Jury of appeal are final and no further appeals will be allowed.

**Administration**

This policy shall be administered by the OSGA Rules Chair or his/her designate.

Policy Approved 2009 09 14 OSGA President *M.A. Brown* |