



Protest Procedures Policy

Rationale

The OSGA 55+ (Ontario Senior Games Association) strives to promote an active living lifestyle for older adults (55+) in Ontario. The desire is to meet the ever changing needs of our membership, in which the OSGA 55+ programs are designed to offer events and activities to enhance participation at all levels. It is the view of the OSGA that older adults will become involved when friendly levels of competition are maintained.

Policy Guidelines

1. Recognized protests may include but not limited to technical rule interpretations, rule related disputes, participant eligibility, etc.
2. All protests must be presented in writing to the event convener within 30 minutes of the completion of the game/event in which that the infraction occurred.
3. 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.
4. When a written protest has been received a Jury of Appeal will be established consisting of the following:
 - a. OSGA Rules Chair
 - b. Host Committee Sport Technical Chair or designate;
 - c. Host Committee representative (unbiased 3rd person)
5. The Jury of Appeal may at its discretion call any witnesses or persons with related expertise
6. The Jury of Appeal will arrive at its decision in camera and will render its decision in writing with copies to the appropriate Member District, Host Committee Chair, OSGA 55+ Office and the participant(s) making the protest.
7. Where the Jury of Appeal has had to reverse results and/or standings and/or removal from competition it is the responsibility of the event convener to announce the written decision of the Jury of Appeal. The OSGA will be present during the announcement.
8. The decisions of the Jury of appeal are final and no further appeals will be allowed.