

## Protest Policy

### *Policy Guidelines*

1. Recognized protests may include but are not limited to technical rule interpretations, rule-related disputes, behavioural issues, unsportsmanlike conduct, inappropriate behaviour, participant eligibility, etc.
2. All protests must be presented in writing to the event convener and documented within 30 minutes of the completion of the game/event in which the infraction occurred.
3. The written protest shall include the nature of the protest, name(s) of any witness (if applicable) and sources upon which the protest has been made.
4. Event Convenors and District Coordinators have the autonomy and authority to implement decisions that immediately impact the event, with the priority to ensure the safety of those involved with the event.

In the case of protests that are beyond event/game capacity and require escalation:

5. When a written protest has been received a Jury of Appeal (or Protest Committee) will be convened consisting of the following:
  - a. OSGA Rules Chair or designate
  - b. Host Committee Sport Technical Chair or designate
  - c. Host Committee representative (unbiased 3rd person).
  - d. Involved District Coordinator(s) will be informed of the Protest in process.
6. The Jury of Appeal may, at its discretion, call any witnesses or persons with related expertise.
7. The Jury of Appeal shall arrive at its decision in camera and will render its decision in writing with copies to:
  - a. the participant(s) making the protest
  - b. The participant(s)'s Member District
  - c. the Host Committee Chair
  - d. the OSGA president and Board of Directors.
  - e. Decisions and responses shall be issued in a report within 10 days of receipt of complaint. (refer to Section 1 of Sanctions and Penalties).

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 written decision or report will be issued to the complainant, respondent, and relevant individuals such as athlete/coach/volunteer(s). The District Coordinator will also be notified. As per Section 6 of the Sanctions and Penalties Policy.

8. The decisions of the Jury of Appeal may be appealed to the Board of Directors within 30 days of the decision. As per Section 5 of Sanctions and Penalties.
9. This policy is to be used for Ontario 55+ Summer and Winter Games only.



**FORMS:**

For Incident Report Form:  
[Event-Incident-Form.pdf](#)

Protest Information Required (See Protest Form on [www.osga55plus.ca](http://www.osga55plus.ca) under Resources)

**Date and time of occurrence(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **HH/MM:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Event Type:**

- Summer OSGA 55+ Games
- Winter OSGA 55+ Games

**Sport/Game:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Convener and Assistants Names:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Names of Parties Involved:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Protest and/or Incident (include any documentation):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Witnesses:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Protester Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_