

## 9. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Entrants and Host Clubs shall agree to abide by the rules and regulations as specified in this Rulebook. Failure to do so will be grounds for a protest. **THE PROTEST MUST BE IN WRITING.** NOTE: RCDs, within their own Region, and the VP-Competition have overall responsibility and authority to enforce the Rulebook when a protest by them is not applicable. RCDs, if competing within their own Region, or the VP-Competition **MUST** use a protest to take action, during competition, against another entrant when it could effect their points (same Class or Group, etc.).

### 9.1. PROTEST CONTENTS

1. When writing a protest, it is recommended that the NCCC Protest Form 9.8 be used to help ensure correct processing of the protest.
2. The protest **MUST** specify the Rulebook Section number, item number and rule or regulation in question.
3. The protest **MUST** contain a description of the specific protest.
4. The protest **MUST** specify the action desired.
5. The protest **MUST** include the appropriate protest fee (see Section 9.6).

### 9.2. PROTEST TYPES AND PROCEDURES

Entry type protests can only be made by a NCCC member in the same class or where it affects the protestor's NCCC Championship points. All other protest types can be made by any Event Entrant.

#### 9.2.1. FOR EVENT RESULTS AND AWARDS

1. Protests for late Event Results or late Event Awards must be submitted, to the Host Region's RCD, within sixty (60) days after the event.
2. Protests concerning accuracy of Event Results must be submitted, to the Host Region's RCD, within thirty (30) days after the mailing of the results.

#### 9.2.2. FOR SPEED EVENTS, DRAGS, AND FUNKHANAS

Protests shall be submitted to the Event Chairperson or Host Club's Governor.

1. **Course** -- Protests regarding the course **MUST** be submitted no later than the later of: thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled start of official timed runs or thirty (30) minutes after the course is set up.
2. **Course operation** -- Protests can be submitted at any time during the running of the event until the completion of the last official timed run.
3. **Safety** -- Protests can be submitted at any time during the running of the event. A safety protest shall constitute (establish) the right to have the event stopped until the protest is denied or if the protest is upheld until corrections are made.
4. **Entry protest** -- Technical and classification protests of a car or protests of an entrant **MUST** be received before the protested entrant makes the final run available to them or declares themselves finished. If a teardown is required, the Whistler method of teardown can be used **or** it will include the removal of the intake manifold and one (1) cylinder head and checking of all dimensions. The camshaft will be checked without being removed. Use the portions of Section 10, Teardown Procedures, necessary to satisfy the protest. If a competitor is in disagreement with the Whistler method of tear down results, the competitor has the right to use the method described on Page 10.5, Item 10.4

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- A. **Individual Run** -- Protest MUST be received from the individual immediately after his/her run.
- B. **Timing/scoring** -- Protests against matters occurring during official timing shall be filed within thirty (30) minutes of completion of official timed runs.

### 9.2.3. FOR RALLIES AND ECONOMY RUNS

- 1. **Course** -- Protests regarding the course MUST be submitted within thirty (30) minutes of the protestor's arrival at the endpoint.
- 2. **Course operation** -- Same as for 9.2.3. item 1, Course, above.
- 3. **Safety** -- Same as for 9.2.3. item 1, Course, above.
- 4. **Entry protest** -- Technical and classification protests of a car MUST be submitted prior to the end of the Entrants Meeting. Protests against another entrant MUST be submitted within thirty (30) minutes of the protestor's arrival at the endpoint.
- 5. **Timing/scoring** -- Results given at the end of the Rallye are to be considered provisional and can be protested by the entrant or changed by the Rallyemaster within the 30 day result mailing's time limit. If the Rallyemaster changes the results or standings, it must be documented and attached with the results mailed.

### 9.2.4. FOR CONCOURS

- 1. **Facilities** -- Protests regarding the facilities MUST be submitted prior to "Stop Clean" time.
- 2. **Event operation** -- Protests MUST be submitted prior to awards presentation.
- 3. **Safety** -- Protests can be submitted at any time during the event. A safety protest shall constitute (establish) the right to have the event stopped until the protest is denied or if the protest is upheld until corrections are made.
- 4. **Entry protest** -- Classification protests of a car MUST be submitted prior to the end of the Entrants Meeting. Protests against another entrant MUST be submitted prior to award's presentation.
- 5. **Judging/scoring** -- Protests MUST be submitted prior to awards presentation.

## 9.3. PROTEST OFFICIALS

The protest official for any National Council of Corvette Clubs Sanctioned Event will be in the following increasing order of power starting with the Event Chairperson:

- 1. Event Chairperson (Co-Chairperson if Chairperson not present) -- Only on the day of the event.
- 2. Governor of the Host Club -- Only on the day of the event.
- 3. Regional Competition Director of Host Club's Region -- RCD may select a Regional Protest Committee or refer to the VP-Competition (see Section 9.4. item 4).
- 4. NCCC Vice President-Competition -- He/she may select a National Protest Committee (see Section 9.4. item 5.C).

## 9.4. PROCESSING OF A PROTEST BY OFFICIALS

1. Any protest that a Club official (Chairperson or Governor) receives SHALL be signed by the protestor and the official. The Club official SHALL attempt to make a decision at the event and is encouraged to confer with their RCD if possible. The Club official shall NOTIFY their RCD within 24 hours and MAIL a copy of the protest to the RCD and to the VP-Competition POSTMARKED WITHIN SEVEN (7) DAYS.
2. Club official shall notify entrants as quickly as possible of protest decision made at the event.
3. If the Club official cannot make a decision at the event, he/she shall report and refer it to his/her RCD no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the event.
4. If the protest is referred to the RCD, at the discretion of the RCD, he/she may:
  - A. Make a decision or
  - B. Select a Regional Protest Committee of unbiased Regional Governors, five (5) minimum, to hear the protest at the next Regional Competition Meeting or
  - C. May request that the matter be reviewed by the VP-Competition.
5. If the protest is referred to the VP-Competition by the RCD:
  - A. Before the VP-Competition makes a decision, written reports must be provided to him/her by the protestor, the protestee if one exists, the Club official and the RCD.
  - B. The VP-Competition's decision SHALL be timely -- before or at the next regularly scheduled National Competition Committee Meeting.
  - C. VP-Competition has the option of selecting a National Protest Committee of unbiased RCDs, five (5) minimum, to hear the protest.
6. The Protestor and Protestee shall retain all rights and privileges until a decision has been made by the protest officials (including an appeal decision if appropriate).

## 9.5. APPEALS

1. An appeal of the decisions of the Protest Officials may be made by the protestor or protestee to the NCCC Vice President-Competition. The APPEAL MUST BE IN WRITING and MUST contain all pertinent information along with the names of all persons or witnesses involved. The appeal MUST include the appropriate appeal fee (see Section 9.6). THE APPEAL MUST BE DELIVERED OR POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN THE DAY FOLLOWING THE NOTIFICATION OF THE DECISION OF THE PROTEST OFFICIALS (MINIMUM OF 24 HOURS ALLOWED).
2. Upon receipt of a properly filed appeal, the Vice President-Competition shall select a committee of five (5) RCDs to conduct a hearing of the appeal.
  - A. A notice of the hearing shall be given to all interested parties.
  - B. The RCDs selected for the committee SHALL be from Regions not involved in the protest.
  - C. The Vice President-Competition shall be the committee chairperson.
  - D. The hearing shall be held at a National Competition Meeting or during Convention.
  - E. The hearing shall be conducted in a manner deemed by the VP-Competition to be fair to all parties and in the best interest of NCCC (i.e. all parties testify privately or all at once, etc.).
  - F. A majority vote of the committee is required for any decision.
  - G. The committee SHALL reach a decision and publish it within seven (7) days of the hearing. THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER APPEAL OF THE DECISION.

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### **9.6. PROTEST AND APPEAL FEES**

All protest and appeal fee deposits SHALL be in cash only, checks are NOT acceptable. All fees MUST be included with the protest or the protest will be denied.

#### **9.6.1. FEE -- ALL PROTESTS EXCEPT ENTRY PROTESTS**

1. Any and all protests, except entry protest will be required to have a \$10.00 deposit with the written protest. If the protest is upheld, the deposit goes to the protestor. If the protest is denied, the deposit goes to the protestee. If there is not a protestee, the deposit will go to NCCC towards the year end awards.

#### **9.6.2. FEE -- ENTRY PROTESTS**

1. The protest fee for any entry protest will be a \$15.00 deposit with the written protest.
2. If a teardown is required, an additional \$100 fee MUST be included with the protest. If the removal of the camshaft is required a \$75.00 fee in addition to the \$100 fee MUST be included.
3. If the protest is upheld, the deposit goes to the protestor. If the protest is denied, the deposit goes to the protestee and the protestor also loses his/her points and awards for that event.

#### **9.6.3. FEE -- APPEALS**

1. The appeal fee for any appeal will be a \$20 deposit with the written appeal. If the appeal is upheld, the deposit goes to the person submitting the appeal. If the appeal is denied, the deposit will go to NCCC towards the year end awards.

### **9.7. PENALTIES FOR PROTESTS**

#### **9.7.1. PENALTIES FOR ENTRANTS FOUND GUILTY**

1. Any protested entrant found guilty will lose all points and awards for all events specified in the protest (limited to all events in process or yet to be run and covered by the same tech).
2. All entrants (all men and women) using a protested car that has been found to be illegal will lose all points and awards for all events as specified in 9.7.1. item 1.
3. If a protested entrant is found guilty of a protested item or their car is found illegal, a warning will be given for the first offense. If an entrant is found guilty of or their car is found illegal for the same offense a second time (second protest), their NCCC membership card and privileges will be withdrawn.

#### **9.7.2. PENALTIES FOR CLUBS FOUND GUILTY**

1. Any protested Club found guilty of not abiding by the rules and regulations in this Rulebook will lose its Club points for the event and the points of its Club members. Any other disciplinary action as deemed necessary by the national Protest Committee, as selected by the Vice President-Competition, may be taken.

#### **9.7.3. PENALTIES FOR DENIED PROTESTS**

1. If an Entry Protest is denied, the protestor loses his/her points and awards for that event. The protestor is not penalized for denied protests of other types.

9.8. NCCC PROTEST FORM

EVENT SANCTION#(S): \_\_\_\_\_ EVENT TYPE \_\_\_\_\_ GROUP&CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

PROTEST TYPE(check one):COURSE/FACILITIES \_\_\_ COURSE/EVENT OPERATION \_\_\_

SAFETY \_\_\_\_\_ ENTRY \_\_\_\_\_ INDIVIDUAL RUN \_\_\_\_\_

TIMING/SCORING/JUDGING \_\_\_\_\_ RESULTS/AWARDS \_\_\_\_\_

PROTEST FEE DEPOSITED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (see Rulebook for amount)

RULEBOOK INFRACTION:

RULEBOOK PAGE # \_\_\_\_\_ SECTION/ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_ CODE (RULE): \_\_\_\_\_

PROTEST DESCRIPTION: \_\_\_\_\_

ACTION DESIRED BY PROTESTOR: \_\_\_\_\_

TIME RELATIVE TO EVENT SEQUENCE (2nd run,etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

PROTESTOR'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE/TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

RECEIVING OFFICIAL: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE/TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB OFFICIAL'S DECISION (or refer to RCD within 24 hours) \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB OFFICIAL'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE/TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

RCD DECISION IF APPLICABLE (can select 5 Regional Governors or refer to VP - Competition):

RCD SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE/TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

REGIONAL GOVERNORS' OR VP-COMPETITION'S DECISION IF APPLICABLE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE/TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

PROTESTEE'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OFFICIAL'S DECISION:

APPEAL REQUESTED: SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE/TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

APPEAL COMMITTEE'S DECISION IF PROTEST IS APPEALED: \_\_\_\_\_

VP-COMP. SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE/TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

PENALTY: \_\_\_\_\_