

PROTEST POLICY

Submitting a Protest

- All protests **must be submitted in writing** and **accompanied by a \$40.00 cash fee**.
 - Protests **based solely on judgment calls** will not be accepted.
 - Protests may be filed on questions of **professionalism** or **participant eligibility** only.
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Types of Protests

1. **Professional Status**
 - The burden of proof regarding a participant's professional status rests on the **individual or company filing the protest**.
 - Refer to the *General Information – "Amateurs Only"* section for details on professional status.
 2. **Participant Eligibility**
 - The burden of proof regarding eligibility rests on the **participant** or their **Company Coordinator**, who must provide **valid photo identification**.
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Protest Procedure

- The protestor must **identify the competitor in question** to KCCC Staff.
- Once the \$40.00 cash protest fee is submitted, KCCC Staff will request a **photo ID** from the competitor.

If the competitor cannot produce valid photo identification or is found to be ineligible:

- The competitor will be **disqualified**.
- In team events, the **team will forfeit the game**, and the protestor will receive a **\$40.00 refund**.

If the competitor is found to be eligible:

- The protestor will **forfeit the \$40.00 protest fee**, and competition will continue.
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Tournament Play Rules

- **Teams found using an ineligible or illegal player will be disqualified from the entire tournament**, not just the game in which the player fails to produce valid identification.
- **Teams will forfeit the competition even if an eligible substitute is available** to replace the ineligible player.

- A **25-point penalty** will be assessed to any company found in violation of the **Employee Eligibility Rules**.
 - Company Coordinators are responsible for ensuring that **all participants meet KCCC eligibility requirements** prior to competition.
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Protest Timing and Authority

- **Protests must be declared immediately at the time of occurrence.**
 - Notify on-site **KCCC Staff** during the game.
 - **“After the fact” protests will not be accepted.**
- Only a **participant or coach directly involved** in the game or match may file a protest.
- The **on-site KCCC Staff** will serve as the **Protest Committee**.
- The **\$40.00 protest fee** will be **refunded if the protest is upheld**.