

Dear Competitor

**Please note, all Officials have been instructed not to provide you with any advice on the Protest process.**

This document does not in any way replace the detailed regulations set out in the Motorsport UK Yearbook. It is the sole responsibility of competitors to be familiar with and follow the published regulations.

## **PROTEST TO THE CLERK OF THE COURSE**

Protests must be submitted in accordance with General Regulation C5 of the Yearbook.

The right to protest lies solely with the Competitor who is a party to a dispute about an act or omission of another Competitor or about the eligibility of another vehicle participating in the event.

### **C5.1.2 Submitting the Protest**

Every protest, which must be in writing, must include the grounds for the protest, must be signed by the party making the protest, and accompanied by the payment laid down in Part 3, Appendix 1. It must be lodged with the Secretary of the Meeting, the Clerk of the Course, or their deputies (G.3.2), within the appropriate time limit.

### **Non-Technical (C5.2.1)**

Must be submitted within 30 minutes of the finish of the Competition.

### **Technical (C5.2.2.; 5.3.)**

Must be submitted: (1) within 30 minutes of the time laid down for conclusion of the relevant scrutineer session; (2) when the reason for alleged ineligibility is not apparent, within 30 minutes of the performance that gives rise to the protest.

The Clerk of the Course will order that the vehicle is immediately examined or the Scrutineer or Competitor (whose vehicle is being protested) may request for it to be sealed for future examination (C5.3.1).

At the time of lodging the Protest, the Clerk of the Course in consultation with the Stewards of the meeting will determine a realistic estimated cost for stripping and re-assembly, and the necessary documentation will be completed (C5.3.3.). If the Protest fails the Competitor lodging the Protest will be required to pay any additional fees (to that deposited), in addition to the Protest fee being forfeit (C5.3.5.1.).

A single protest lodged by more than one competitor, or a single protest against more than one competitor, will not be accepted but more than one individual protest may be accepted on the same grounds.

### **C5.4 The Hearing**

The Clerk of the Course will adjudicate after hearing all of the evidence.

The hearing should be held in the presence of the person making the protest and the Competitor who is the subject of such protest but neither party may be represented by an advocate.

The hearing must occur as soon as possible and all parties given notice of the hearing. The hearing may be held in the absence of any of the parties provided that they were aware of the time and place of the hearing or have left the meeting in contravention of H33.1.6.

### **Protest fee**

Unless otherwise decided by the Clerk of the Course, protest deposits will be forfeit if the protest is not upheld.