

# **PROTEST PROCEDURE**

## **As per CAS Rulebook Section 8 (with Provincial clarifications)**

No protests shall be made against the judges' marks/scores. Penalties and Difficulty Technical Controller decisions and Synchronization Technical Controller decisions (major errors only) are appealable.

Protests may be made by a participant (defined as: coach or athlete who is 18+ if the coach is not available) registered for the Meet.

### **For protests NOT involving the review of Technical Controller decisions (difficulty or synchronization), the process shall be as follows:**

- a) Within 5 minutes of an event/session ending, verbal notification of an intent to protest must be made to the Referee. In the absence of this verbal notification no written protest shall be accepted and if the event is final, the awards ceremony will proceed.
- b) Protests shall be made in writing to the Referee via the CAS Protest Form accompanied by a \$200 cash payment within 30 minutes from when the Referee signs the results.
- c) The Chief Referee shall arbitrate in case of protest; in the event that mediation is not possible, the matter shall be referred to the Jury of Appeal.
- d) The Referee shall assemble the Jury of Appeal, who shall make a decision based on the information given on the written protest form.

**For protests involving the review of Technical Controller decisions (difficulty or synchronization), the process shall be as follows:**

- a) Within 5 minutes of an event/session ending, verbal notification of an intent to protest must be made to the Referee. In the absence of this verbal notification no written protest shall be accepted and if the event is a final, the awards ceremony will proceed.
- b) Protests shall be made in writing to the Referee via the CAS Protest Form accompanied by the appropriate cash payment, within 30 minutes from when the Referee signs the results. Cost to appeal shall be \$200 per base mark/major synchronization error protested.
  - i. One base mark is defined as a full or partial deduction of declared difficulty in an individual hybrid, TRE or acrobatic element.
  - ii. For **fully** base marked elements (National and Provincial Stream), a single protest may be submitted in reference to multiple codes which were identified as incomplete or missing in the same element. For the protest to be successful, all of the identified codes must be considered to be successfully completed by the Review Panel (National Stream), or enough codes are reinstated to receive a partial base mark (Provincial Stream).
  - iii. For **partially** base marked elements (Provincial Stream only), a single protest may be submitted in reference to multiple codes which were identified as incomplete or missing in the same element. For the protest to be successful, a minimum of one (1) of the identified codes must be considered to be successfully completed by the Review Panel. Please note, however, that only those codes which are successfully reinstated shall be returned to the total declared difficulty of the element.

- c) The protest shall be reviewed by a Review Panel composed of the Lead Technical Controller from the event being protested, the Referee (or their designate), and a National Technical Controller (**or their designate**) not involved in the original decision.
  
- d) The lead Technical Controller of the applicable panel shall identify to the Review Panel the element in question and explain the error made so that the Panel is informed as to what they are reviewing. The Review Panel shall review the video a maximum of 2 times in slow motion if technology permits, or a maximum of 3 times at normal speed otherwise, and make a decision based on what was reviewed. This decision shall be final and non-appealable. The Referee shall inform the coach once a decision is made on the outcome of the protest.

Should the protest be successful, the protest fee will be returned to the protest applicant.