

Protests at the BC Summer and BC Winter Games

During the BC Games, protests are managed by the individual or groups as outlined below.

Note - it is not the purpose or intent of the BC Games Jury to alter decisions made by the Official in charge during a game or individual event. The BC Games Jury becomes involved in non-competition/off-field of play protests that may include eligibility of a player or players, changes in schedule, removal of participant from competition for discipline issues, etc.

Parties involved in protests include:

(a) **Provincial Advisor or Sport Chair**

Team lists are available at sport venues through the Provincial Advisor. Any protests concerning eligibility of players or other non-competition/field of play protests must be directed in writing to the Provincial Advisor or Sport Chair prior to the commencement of the game or event in question. All official protests must be concisely written and presented to the Provincial Advisor or Sport Chair immediately after the head Official has signed the official Results Sheet. The time and date must appear on the protest and it must be signed by the individual making the protest. Protests may only be submitted by a registered Head Coach or Assistant Coach for the sport and respective zone.

(b) **Sport Jury**

Once a protest is submitted, the Sport Jury appointed by the Provincial Advisor shall meet and render a decision. The Sport Jury shall be made up of at least three individuals who are registered as Officials or PSO Rep for the Games (not to include Athletes, or Head Coaches, or Assistant Coaches). The decision of the Sport Jury must be made within two hours of the original protest. One copy of the decision of the Sport Jury is to be presented to the person making the protest. Copies are also to be provided to the head Official and to the Provincial Advisors and posted at the sport venue. A copy must be forwarded by the Provincial Advisor to BC Games Society staff. The time and date of the decision and the signatures of the Sport Jury members must appear on the decision.

(c) **BC Games Jury**

The decision of the Sport Jury may be appealed within two hours after the posting of the decision by the Sport Jury. In this case, a written appeal signed by the Head Coach or Assistant Coach, will be presented to the BC Games Jury, who is contacted through BC Games staff by the Provincial Advisor. The BC Games Jury shall be made up of three of the following: Host Society Director of Sport, the Games Operations Manager, and a Host Society Director (or two Host Society Directors), the BC Games Event Manager responsible for Sport, and one member of the Sport Jury (for the respective sport). The decision of the BC Games Jury will be provided to the Provincial Advisor for posting at the sport venue and provided to the individual making the protest and to the head official. The time and date of the decision and the signatures of the BC Games Jury members must appear on the decision. The decision of the BC Games Jury will be final.

Note that if the Provincial Advisor is not present at the Games then his/her representative or the individual registered as PSO Rep for the sport will assume the responsibilities assigned to the Provincial Advisor in this document.