

Policy: Game Protest Effective Date: May 14, 2016

1. Protests and all evidence in support thereof must be in duplicate and signed by the President and Secretary of the protesting team, League or Association and forwarded to HNO.
2. Protests and evidence in support thereof must be in the hands of the Executive Director within 48 hours of the advertised time of the match protested and must be accompanied by a deposit, which sum shall be forfeited to HNO should the Board, whose decision shall be final, disallow the protest, and the Board shall have no power to refund such forfeited sum. Where distance is a consideration, a faxed copy of the protest and evidence in support of, to the Executive Director, within 48 hours will be accepted. The cheque must be at the Head Office within four (4) days.
3. A copy of the said protest and evidence must be served upon the protested team, League or Association by the protesting team, League or Association within 48 hours after the said match.
4. The team, League or Association protested shall be allowed 36 hours to file a defence and evidence with the Executive Director, which must be accompanied by a deposit to be forfeited to the Branch should the Board allow the protest.
5. A copy of the defence must also be sent to the protesting team, League or Association, at least (36) hours before the time fixed for the hearing of the protest by the Board.
6. Personal service on any of the recognized Officers of the team, League or Association, or service by registered post on either the President or Secretary of the team, League or Association shall be sufficient service in any case, and the protest is to be considered if it is shown that the evidence had been sent by registered post in time to reach the protested team, League or Association within the time limit fixed by the rule.
7. Each of the teams, League or Associations interested may be represented at hearings of the protest.

INSUFFICIENT TIME

In the event that the scheduling of games does not permit sufficient time to comply with the timeline outlined above, that is, when playoffs are about to commence or are underway and there is less than 48 hours between games, then the protesting team, League or Association shall make a protest, accompanied by a deposit immediately following the game to the person appointed by HNO to be in charge of the game at that particular locale. This person shall immediately convene a meeting with the team, League or Association officials involved and record all facts pertaining to the case. These facts shall be immediately reported to the board of directors for consideration.

PROTEST DISALLOWED

If the protest is not allowed then the team, League or Association protesting shall forfeit the fee.

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New Policy

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