



<b>Policy Name:</b> Game Protest		<b>Date of Approval:</b> June 10, 2023		<b>Effective Date:</b> June 10, 2023	
<b>Approved by:</b> Board of Directors		<b>Prepared by:</b> Minor Committee		<b>Replaces Previous Versions:</b> May 14, 2020	
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<b>Responsible:</b> Board of Directors- Minor		<b>Accountable:</b> Board of Directors		<b>Consulted:</b> Board of Directors	
				<b>Informed:</b> HNO Members	

1. Protests and all evidence in support thereof must be 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 or emailed copy of the protest and evidence in support of, to the Executive Director, within 48 hours will be accepted. The cheque or e-transfer 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. Notice may be sent through recorded mail or email. The notice will be deemed to have been received by the intended recipient on the date of delivery if sent by recorded mail, or on the date of transmission if sent by email.
5. The team, League or Association protested shall be allowed thirty-six (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.
6. A copy of the defence must also be sent to the protesting team, League, or Association, at least thirty-six (36) hours before the time fixed for the hearing of the protest by the Board.
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.