

COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

Procedures for Protests & Appeals

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FIELD EVENTS

World Athletics Rule 8 of the Technical Rules or TR8 applies to protests and appeals.

1. Immediate oral protests during a Field Event will be dealt with on site by the Referee. If necessary, it may be followed up by Team Manager in TIC (as described below).
2. If there is no immediate oral protest during the event, then procedures will be the same as for any other event.
3. Any incident of an immediate oral protest during an event even if already resolved shall be reported to the TIC / Competition Management.

TRACK EVENTS

1. Protests to the Referee will be dealt with on site and the TIC/Competition Management notified. The Referee makes a decision (after consultation with the starts' team or with the umpires if necessary) and notifies the athlete, if still present, of the decision. In the case of immediate protests related with starts, the decision by the Referee has also to be immediate. The decision is reported to the TIC/Competition Management.

FORMAL PROTESTS AND APPEALS

The sequence is as follows:

1. After the event, the TIC will receive the print out of the results, which will be posted on notice board – a copy is kept in TIC. The time when the results sheet is posted should be shown and recorded. The 30 minutes time allowed for initiating a protest is applicable from that time.
2. TIC is approached by a Team Leader / Official who has the TIC accreditation to make a formal protest.
3. TIC notes the time of the intent to protest.
4. TIC contacts the relevant Referee to discuss the protest with the Team Leader/Official (depending on the nature of the protest it is possible to show the protester a Photo Finish picture or video evidence).
5. If the Team Leader/Official is not satisfied with the discussion and wishes to continue with the protest, then he/she – with the help of the TIC - will initiate the necessary paperwork for lodging an appeal to the Jury of Appeal. TIC notes the time when the Referee rejected the protest. The 30 minutes time allowed for initiating an appeal is applicable from that time.

6. TIC receives the completed appeal form, respective amount (70€/100 USD)) and gives the Team Leader/Official a receipt for the money and a copy of the Appeal Form (the Appeal Form may include the receipt).
 7. TIC then contacts the Secretary to the Jury and the European Athletics Competition Manager/Co-ordinator who notifies the European Athletics Communication Manager and protocol responsible (in case of victory ceremonies).
 8. The Secretary to the Jury notifies the Jury and brings them to the Jury room. He/she collates all necessary paperwork and arranges access to any necessary video footage.
 9. The TIC informs the Competition Director of the protest/appeal and he notifies the Technical Delegates.
 10. Jury meet in the Jury of Appeal room to discuss the case, view any available video and other evidence and hear the witnesses. If necessary, the Jury must be able to view video footage in the Host Broadcaster van.
 11. Jury complete their deliberations and they use the available technology to respond to the appeal.
- (The Jury of Appeal Room shall have available a computer and printer to be operated by the Secretary of the Jury of Appeal.)
12. The final decision of the Jury will be given to the TIC for copying and circulation via the pigeon hole system to the involved federations (e.g. protestor and accused) and posted on relevant the notice board. The TIC must make sure that all parties affected by the decision are duly notified. The TIC notifies the Competition Director who informs the Technical Delegates of the decision and the European Athletics Competition Manager / Co-ordinator who will inform the European Athletics Communication Manager and protocol responsible (in case of victory ceremonies).
 13. If the appeal is upheld, the money is returned to the Team Leader / Official, if not upheld it is kept in the TIC until the end of the competition and then given to the European Athletics Competition Manager / Co-ordinator.

ANNEX

Room for the Jury of Appeal must be equipped with the following:

- Suitable video player and TV screen (can be included in the computer)
- Table and 4-6 chairs
- Computer and printer
- A4 paper and pens
- Water bottles

The room shall be lockable and the room key with the Secretary of the Jury.