

ARTICLE V – PROTESTS

1. NO PROTESTS OF JUDGEMENT CALLS

No protest which involves an official's judgment shall be made. Protests shall be made only when a league by-law has been violated.

2. PROTESTS INVOLVING GAME CONDITIONS

A protest involving game conditions or officials must be called to the attention of the officials before the game and cannot be called into question at the conclusion of the contest.

3. PROTESTS REGARDING GAME RULES OF THE SPORT

- A. The game rules of each sport govern the effect of a valid protest upon the game and game results. These rules are set in the Rules Books issued by the NFHS & any addendums added on for each sport in the SCCESJHCA by-laws.
- B. In protest cases not specifically covered by the Rule Book or addendums, it is not a valid protest. This issue should be brought up at the next Athletic Directors' council meeting for discussion.
- C. The host school is responsible for supplying the correct by-laws for teams and officials to abide by. If the host school does not know how to proceed, they are responsible for how the game is carried out and is subject to protest by the visiting team.
- D. A valid protest that is covered by the Rule Book and/or addendums MUST employ the following steps:

A protest must be made by phone or in writing (email is fine) within 5 working days to the League President AND

Protests must be made no later than 3 working days prior to the next league meeting. The last 3 schools with a "BYE" on the assignment schedule will sit as the Protest Committee.

4. PROCEDURE FOR FILING AN APPEAL

In the rare case of appealing a protest decision or any other decision by the Protest Committee, the following procedure shall be followed:

- A. The Athletic Director and Principal of the appellant school shall discuss fully the merits or grounds for appeal, conferring with the President of the Athletic Directors' Council.
- B. If it is still deemed necessary to appeal, then the Athletic Director of the appellant school shall send a letter or email to the President of the Athletic Directors' Council with 24 hours of the decision on a protest.

- C. The Executive Board will hear and rule on the appeal. This committee shall be the final authority.

5. RESULTS OF PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Final decisions regarding protests shall be documented in writing and sent to the school(s) involved as soon as possible.

No school can Appeal an Appeal. Final decisions are made by the Executive board if an appeal is submitted.