

RULES OF ORIENTEERING - COMPLAINTS, PROTESTS AND APPEALS

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17. Complaints

17.1 A complaint may be made about infringements of these rules or the organiser's directions.

17.2 Complaints may only be made by competitors.

17.3 Any complaint shall be made in writing to the Controller as soon as possible. A complaint is adjudicated by the Controller. The complainant shall be informed about the decision immediately.

17.4 There is no fee for a complaint.

17.5 The Controller may set a time limit for complaints. Complaints received after this time limit will only be considered if there are valid exceptional circumstances which must be explained in the complaint.

18. Protests

18.1 A protest may be made against the Controller's decision about a complaint.

18.2 Protests may only be made by competitors.

18.3 Any protest shall be made in writing to the event Controller no later than one hour after the event Controller has announced the decision about the complaint.

18.4 There is no fee for a protest.

19. Jury

SAOC/GOC/WCOC

19.1 A jury shall be appointed to rule on protests. Who and how ?

19.2 The Controller shall act according to the jury's decisions, eg. to reinstate a competitor disqualified by the Controller, to disqualify a competitor approved by the Controller, to void the results in a class/course approved by the Controller or to approve results declared invalid by the Controller.

19.3 The jury is competent to rule only if all members are present. In urgent cases preliminary decisions may be taken if a majority of the jury members agree on the decision.

19.4 If a jury member declares him- or herself prejudiced or if a jury

member is unable to fulfil his or her task, the event Controller shall nominate a substitute.

19.5 Arising from its ruling on a protest, the jury < in addition to instructing the organiser < may recommend that the SAOF Committee excludes a person from some or all future SAOF events in the case of a major violation of the rules.

19.6 Decisions of the jury are final.

20. Appeals

20.1 An appeal may be made against infringements of these rules if a jury is not yet set up, or if the event is over and the jury has dispersed.

20.2 An appeal may only be made by Members.

20.3 An appeal shall be made in writing to the SAOF Vice-President, Administration as soon as possible.

20.4 There is no fee for an appeal.

20.5 Decisions about an appeal are final.

20.6 The SAOF Committee shall deal with the appeal.