

Chapter- XV

PROTEST

- a. In the condition to protest about the age of any player or any other technical aspect, Coach/Manager can apply with protest fee of Rs. 1000/- to match referee on a plain paper within one hour after the match. Otherwise protest will be disregarded.
Match referee will provide a receipt of Rs. 1000/- and the application will be put up before the "Jury of Appeal". Jury of Appeal (through organizer) will release written letter to coach/managers of both the team to present their evidence on the same day of protest. If there is any technical point in the protest, suggestions from convener technical committee will also be taken.
- b. In the protest concerning overage the "Jury of Appeal" will have a comparative evidence of its validity while receiving the evidence from both sides. In this relation (i) report of the medical test for age verification if conducted (ii) official entry form of competent authority of concerning unit (iii) the eligibility certificate, countersigned by state competent authority will be the most important first, second and third evidence. Bulletin of S.G.F.I. released in previous year and result booklet will be the fourth important evidence. The fifth important evidence will be last year marksheet original of the players which is to be presented by the player if demanded. On the basis of the above all documents "Jury of Appeal" will take a decision thoroughly. Then both the parties will be informed about the decision by the written letter from the organizer and whole proceeding regarding the protest will be maintain on record and it will be send to S.G.F.I. office.
- c. The defaulter player will be debarred, if the protest is found correct and the protest fee will be return to the applicant. In case of the protest is found wrong, the protest fee Rs. 1000/- of the applicant will be deposited in favour of S.G.F.I. account.
The player, if found defaulter during the protest, will be debarred from that tournament. The defaulter team will be declared defeated and the opposite team will be give 3 marks. The defaulter team may play other matches after leaving the defaulter players. There will be no effect of this decision on the previous matches.
- d. No protest will be accepted against the decision of the umpire. But the Jury of Appeal, with the opinion of Technical Committee will consider and decide the case if any one of the both the parties presents any point which shows the decision of the referee against the rules of the tournament.
Jury of appeal will go for the opinion of technical committee in relation of the protest about the playground or in other technical matter. It'll inspect itself, if needed, and will decide finally after discussion on each and every aspect. Protests regarding the pitch, its surroundings, markings or accessory items shall be made in writing to the referee before the start of the match by the Coach/Manager of the team lodging the protest. If the pitch's playing surface becomes unplayable during a match, the captain of the protesting team shall immediately lodge a protest with the referee in the presence of the captain of the opposing team.
- e. No match will be stopped due to any protest. Match will be under protest and the Jury will have to decide till evening that day. If any team leaves the playground in protest of the umpire's decision or due to other conditions, referee will have the right to delcare it as the looser and the other one the winner and such protest will not be considered.
- f. If the protest is being proved wrong/false, the amount will be seized and deposted in S.G.F.I. account. In case the protest is upheld the amount will be duly returned to the concerned team.
- g. All the aforesaid cases concerning the protest & defaulter would be sent to disciplinary committee same day and a meeting shall be held on such cases. In this meeting the disciplinary committee shall discuss and on the base of merit & demerit of the case shall recommend the penalty to organizing committee. All document of Jury of Appeal & disciplinary Committee would be sent to S.G.F.I. office within a week after completion of tournament by the organizer.
- h. Protests against any incidents that occur during the course of a match shall be made to the referee by the team captain immediately after the disputed incident and before play has resumed, in the presence of the captain of the opposing team. No later than one hour after the match.
- i. No protests may be made about the referee's decisions regarding facts connected with play. Such decisions are final.
- j. Once the final match of the National School Championship has ended, any protests described in this article will be disregarded.
- k. The appeal against the decision of jury of appeal / recommendation of disciplinary committee shall be made to chairman organizing committee. On such appeal the Chairman organising committee shall immediately held hearing and take decision which will be the final decision.