

CHAPTER R-2: APPEAL PROCEDURES

1. COMPETITION APPEAL PROCEDURES – MEET JURY OF APPEALS

- 1.1. Any protest or appeal (excepting those regarding the selection of officials) associated with the organization and staging of a session (preliminary, semi-final or final) at a competition sanctioned by DPC and initiated more than one (1) hour prior to the start of the session in question shall be referred to the Meet Jury of Appeals. All protests and appeals must be submitted in writing and must specify the article, rule or section of the DPC Rule Book that is in dispute for it to be considered by the jury.
- 1.2. The protest shall be conveyed to the meet referee as the chairperson of the Meet Jury of Appeals for that competition.
- 1.3. The chairperson shall immediately assemble all members of the Technical Committee in attendance at the competition and they shall be declared the Meet Jury of Appeals. Where there are no Technical Committee members in attendance, the meet referee will determine no less than two (2) other persons to be declared members of the Meet Jury of Appeals.
- 1.4. The chairperson will make a presentation and interpretation of the current rules which affect the specific protest or appeal.
 - 1.4.1. The party making the appeal/protest and the party affected by the protest will present their case to the Meet Jury of Appeal and then leave the meeting.
- 1.5. Following all relevant presentations, an in-camera discussion by the Meet Jury of Appeals will be followed by the chairperson calling for a vote with a majority decision considered binding. The Chairperson does not have a vote except in accordance with paragraph R-2 1.7 below.
 - 1.5.1. There will be no abstentions in any vote taken by the Meet Jury of Appeals.
- 1.6. In the case of a tie vote at the first meeting of the Meet Jury of Appeals, the assembled members shall adjourn and reconvene immediately with additional information pertinent to the appeal which might help in reaching a decision. Chairperson does not have a vote.
- 1.7. In the case of a tie at the reconvened meeting of the Meet Jury of Appeals, the chairperson (see 1.6 above) will break the tie.

1.8. The Meet Jury of Appeals chairperson, convening and presiding at any such meeting(s) of a Meet Jury of Appeals, shall forward a written report to the DPC Chief Technical Officer and the DPC Technical Committee Chair within ten (10) days following the conclusion of the competition, regarding all relevant materials, presentation and final vote.

1.9. The decision of a Meet Jury of Appeals will be binding.

2. EVENT APPEAL PROCEDURES – EVENT JURY OF APPEALS

2.1. Any protest regarding the organization and staging of an event at a DPC sanctioned competition that is initiated during the one (1) hour prior to the start of that event, during the event itself or within fifteen (15) minutes after the completion of the event, shall be referred to the Event Jury of Appeals. All protests and appeals must be submitted in writing and must specify the article, rule or section of the DPC Rule Book that is in dispute for it to be considered by the jury. An event shall be considered complete when all decisions have been made by the event referee and the results have been signed off by the event referee or such earlier time as the Meet Referee may determine, usually based upon the computer timing of the conclusion of the event with no extenuating circumstances.

2.2. The Event Jury of Appeals, which shall be designated prior to each event at all DPC national competitions, shall consist of:

2.2.1. The event referee (chairperson)

2.2.2. All of the respective judging panel for that event

2.2.3. The Technical Committee member designate, and

2.2.4. Meet referee.

2.3. The protest or appeal must be made in writing to the event referee after the occurrence. The event referee will record the time of the conclusion of each event (or session).

2.3.1. When a protest is received during an event (or session), the event referee will stop the contest at the end of the present round of dives. The chairperson will convene an Event Jury of Appeals to apprise them of the protest and/or appeal. Only those people, and the appellant, will be present. The chairperson shall have the power to defer the jury until after the event.

2.4. Once the appellant has made his/her presentation he/she shall leave the room. The event referee will offer his/her opinion.

- 2.5. Following all relevant presentations, an in-camera discussion by the jury will be followed by the chairperson calling for a vote with a majority decision considered binding. Chairperson does not have a vote in the initial voting.
- 2.6. Should there be a tie vote; the chairperson will break the tie.
 - 2.6.1. There shall be no abstentions in any vote taken by the Event Jury of Appeals.
- 2.7. The decision of an Event Jury of Appeals will be binding.
- 2.8. The Meet Referee shall prepare and submit, to the DPC Chief Technical Officer and the Technical Committee chairperson, a complete report on any meeting of an Event Jury of Appeals no later than ten (10) days after the completion of the competition.