

DIVING PLONGEON CANADA RULES

COMPETITION APPEALS

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At Diving Plongeon Canada sanctioned competitions, complaints and appeals will be considered. Refer to the Meet Information Package for rules regarding complaints and appeals. If there are no local rules, these rules shall be followed.

For appeals related to Team Selection or Eligibility, contact the DPC Office.

DPCA 1.0 COMPLAINTS

- DPCA 1.1** An oral complaint may be made by a diver (or their representative):
- a) to the Meet Referee regarding the rules and regulations that govern the Competition.
 - b) to the Event Referee immediately after the execution of a dive or a round of dives

DPCA 1.2 If the response to the complaint is not considered acceptable by the complainant, a Formal Appeal may be made.

DPCA 2.0 FORMAL APPEALS

All Formal Appeals shall be directed to the Chairperson of the Meet Jury of Appeal or the Event Jury of Appeal and must be submitted in writing (on paper). The complainant must specify the article, rule or section of the DPC Rules or Meet Information Package that is in dispute.

DPCA 3.0 MEET JURY OF APPEAL

DPCA 3.1 The Meet Jury of Appeal shall be declared 24 hours before the start of the Competition.

DPCA 3.2 The Meet Jury of Appeal shall include a minimum of five (5) DPC registered participants in good standing:

- Meet Referee (Chairperson)
- Officials Committee Designate
- Coaches Designate
- Meet Manager and/or Competition Director
- PSO and/or DPC and/or AQUA Representative

DPCA 3.2.1 If any member of the Jury is thought to have a conflict of interest in the issue or dispute, the remaining members may appoint a replacement who is not in conflict.

DPCA 3.2.3 Including the Chairperson, a minimum of three (3) people must be available at all times to convene a Meet Jury of Appeal. Members of the Jury should make every effort to designate a suitable replacement if they will be absent from the competition.

DPCA 3.3 Members of the Meet Jury of Appeal will convene at the discretion of the Chairperson to assess and resolve issues or disputes related to the schedule, staging of sessions, diving equipment, facility or environmental factors and participant safety.

DPCA 3.4 The Meet Jury of Appeal will consider any Formal Appeal initiated more than one (1) hour prior to the published start of the Competition associated with:

- a) the organization or staging of the sessions
- b) control of all technical diving equipment
- c) control of all installations

DPCA 3.5 The Meet Referee shall receive Formal Appeals and convene the Meet Jury of Appeal.

DPCA 3.5.1 The Meet Referee may invite additional people to join the meeting if they feel they have information pertinent to the dispute which might help in reaching a decision. These additional people do not have a vote and may be asked to leave the meeting at any time.

DPCA 3.6 The Chairperson will make a presentation and state the current rules, regulations or policies that affect the specific Formal Appeal.

DPCA 3.7 The diver (and/or their representative) making the Formal Appeal and any other affected diver (and/or their representative) will present their case to the Jury and then leave the meeting.

DPCA 3.8 Following all relevant presentations, only the Chair and voting Jury members will have a discussion. This will be followed by the Chairperson calling for a vote with a majority decision considered binding.

DPCA 3.8.1 The Chairperson does not have a vote except in accordance with DPCA 3.11 below

DPCA 3.8.2 There will be no abstentions in any vote taken by the Jury.

DPCA 3.9 In the case of a tie vote at the first meeting of the Jury, the assembled members shall adjourn and reconvene immediately with additional information pertinent to the appeal which might help in reaching a decision.

DPCA 3.10 The Chairperson will facilitate discussion or the collection of additional information and call a 2nd vote to reach a decision.

DPCA 3.10.1 The Chairperson does not have a vote except in accordance with the DPCA 3.11 below.

DPCA 3.11 In the case of a tie at the reconvened meeting of the Jury, the Chairperson will break the tie and deliver the decision, in person, to the complainant (or their representative).

DPCA 3.12 The decision of a Meet Jury of Appeal will be binding.

DPCA 3.13 The Chairperson, convening and presiding at any such meeting(s) of a Meet Jury of Appeal, shall forward a written report to the Provincial Section or DPC Officials Program Manager within 2 weeks following the conclusion of the competition, regarding all relevant materials, presentation and final vote.

DPCA 4.0 EVENT JURY OF APPEAL

DPCA 4.1 The Event Jury of Appeal will consider any Formal Appeal regarding the organization and staging of a session at a DPC sanctioned competition that is initiated within one (1) hour of the scheduled start of that session, during the session itself or within fifteen (15) minutes after the completion of the session.

DPCA 4.1.1 A session 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.

DPCA 4.2 Each Event Jury of Appeal shall include the following DPC registered participants in good standing:

- The session's Event Referee (Chairperson)
- All of the respective judging panel for that event, including any assistant referees
- The Coaches Designate, and
- The Meet Referee

DPCA 4.3 The Event Referee shall receive all Formal Appeals and convene the Event Jury of Appeal.

DPCA 4.4 When a Formal Appeal is received during a session, the Event Referee will stop the contest at the end of the current round of dives.

DPCA 4.4.1 The Chairperson shall have the authority to hold the Jury discussion immediately or to defer the jury discussion until after the last round of dives.

DPCA 4.5 The Chairperson shall assemble the members of the Event Jury of Appeal and the diver (and/or their representative) for the jury discussion.

DPCA 4.5.1 The Chairperson may invite additional people to join the meeting if they feel they have information pertinent to the dispute which might help in reaching a decision. These additional people do not have a vote and may be asked to leave the meeting at any time.

DPCA 4.6 The diver (and/or their representative) making the Formal Appeal will present their case to the Jury and then leave the meeting.

DPCA 4.7 The Chairperson will state the current rules which affect the specific Formal Appeal and offer their opinion.

DPCA 4.8 Following all relevant presentations, only the Chairperson and the voting Jury members will hold a discussion. This will be followed by the Chairperson calling for a vote with a majority decision considered binding.

DPCA 4.8.1 The Chairperson does not have a vote. Should there be a tie vote, the Chairperson will break the tie.

DPCA 4.8.2 There will be no abstentions in any vote taken by the Event Jury of Appeal.

DPCA 4.9 The Chairperson will deliver the decision, in person, to the complainant (or their representative).

DPCA 4.10 The decision of an Event Jury of Appeal will be binding.

DPCA 4.11 The Chairperson, convening and presiding at any such meeting(s) of an Event Jury of Appeal, shall forward a written report to the Meet Referee within ten (10) days following the conclusion of the competition, regarding all relevant materials, presentation and final vote.