

# Appeal of Referee Decision & Decision of the Jury

The Swimming Canada Rule book is located on the Swimming Canada website at <https://www.swimming.ca/en/swimmingcanadarules/>

Below is the Coach's procedure for questioning a disqualification and then having it proceed to Jury for final decision if required. Also below, the Referee and Meet Manager's procedure for handling a disqualification and 'Appeal on Referee's Protest Decision' (GR 9.2 and GR 9.3)

The Coach requests to see the infraction report (DQ slip) and may also have a verbal explanation of the swimmer's disqualification from the Referee. Once a disqualification is official (announced) the referee should no longer make changes to the infraction report (DQ slip).

1. If the coach is satisfied with the written explanation and/or the verbal explanation, then the process is complete, and the infraction will stand.
2. If information is incorrect, missing, is not a decision of fact or the explanation of the infraction is not satisfactory to the Coach, he/she has the right to Protest, GR 9.2. An example of a decision of fact; "An official in the correct position observed a swimmers hands touch the wall at different times during the touch in a butterfly event."
  - i. Complete the form on page 2 of this document and return to the Referee within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the event (GR 9.2.2), or if disqualifications are announced, within 30 minutes of the disqualification being announced.
  - ii. The referee shall consider the protest and can choose to accept or decline the protest. GR9.2.3
  - iii. If the referee chooses to decline the protest, the coach may appeal the rejection to a Jury of Appeal. GR9.2.2
  - iv. If the referee chooses to accept the protest, then the disqualification is overturned.
3. A jury will meet to adjudicate the disqualification,
  - i. The Meet Manager is the chairperson of the jury and does not have a vote,
  - ii. There shall be an odd number on the jury, 3 to 5 of the most experienced officials, present that are not involved in the disqualification.
    - It is recommended that the Meet Manager in consultation with the Advisory Referee (or if none, Session Referee) ask the disputing coach if they would like an impartial coach to sit on the jury of appeal. If yes, the Meet Manager, in consultation with the Advisory Referee (or Session Referee) will seek out and select an impartial coach.
  - iii. The Jury shall interview, Coaches and Officials whose decisions are being disputed. GR9.3.1.4
  - iv. The decision of the Jury:
    - Shall be completed as quickly as possible, within the same session,
    - Shall be returned to the Coach in writing on the form, and signed by the members,
    - Is confidential and shall only be discussed with the Officials involved,
    - If the result of the appeal is not satisfactory the protestor has the right to appeal by informing the chairperson of the Jury. The appeal shall be made in writing to Swim Alberta within 7 (seven) days.
  - v. A copy of the appeal will be kept on file with all meet documentation.





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# Decision of the Jury

## Accepted / Denied

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