

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.

It also provides steps for 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 process begins when the Coach requests a verbal explanation of the swimmer's disqualification from the Referee.

If the explanation is not satisfactory to the Coach, and is not a decision of fact, he/she has the right to Protest, GR 9.2. An example of decision of fact is a swimmer observed diving during warm-up outside the dive lanes and removed from his first event.

1. Complete the form on page 2 of this document and return to the Referee for an explanation within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the event (GR 9.2.2), or if disqualifications are announced, within 30 minutes of the results being posted or announced in the pool.
2. If the explanation is still unsatisfactory to the coach present the completed form to the Meet Manager and request a Jury consider it (GR 9.3).
3. The Meet Manager will:
 - i. Form a Jury to adjudicate the disqualification,
 - ii. Will act as the chairperson of the jury and does not have a vote,
 - iii. Will appoint an odd number (3 to 5) of the most experienced officials present that were not involved in the disqualification.
4. The Jury shall:
 - i. Interview Coaches or Officials that can add to the information collected by the Meet Manager (disqualification forms, rulebook, meet information, any other relevant documentation),
 - ii. Make a decision in the following manner,
 - iii. Deliberate and rule as quickly as possible, within the same session,
 - iv. Return the decision to the Coach in writing on the form, and signed by the members,
 - v. Maintain confidentiality and only discuss deliberation and reasons for the decision with the Officials involved.
 - vi. Retain a copy of the appeal and decision for the file.

As per GR 9.2.3, all protests shall be considered by the Referee. The Referee has the ability to turn down an appeal request.



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Appeal of Referee Decision

Completed by Coach.

Date: _____ Event: _____ Heat: _____

Athlete's Name: _____ Club: _____

Details of Protest:

Date and Time Referee Response Received: _____

Signature of Referee: _____



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Decision of the Jury

Accepted / Denied

Reasons: _____

Date and Time: _____

Name and signature of officials:

Print

Signatures

*Please note that deliberations and reasoning for decision is to remain in the confidence of the jury members and chairperson.