

Dear Competitor

Please note, all Officials have been instructed not to provide you with any advice on the Protest process.

This document does not in any way replace the detailed Regulations set out in the National Competition Rules (NCR) [which take precedence over any guidance issued](#). It is the sole responsibility of Competitors to be familiar with and follow the published NCR.

PROTEST TO THE CLERK OF THE COURSE

Protests must be submitted in accordance with NCR Ch. 2 App. 9.

The right to protest lies solely with the Competitor who wishes to challenge an act or omission of another Competitor, about the eligibility of another vehicle participating in the Event or challenge the length of the course or acceptance of an entry.

A single protest lodged by more than one Competitor, or a single protest against more than one competitor, will not be accepted. One individual protest challenging one aspect and one Competitor may be accepted on the same grounds.

Ch.2 App.9 Art 1.7 Submitting the Protest

A protest must be made in writing. It must include the grounds for the protest, must be signed by the party making the protest, and accompanied by an undertaking to make the payment, as set out in Ch.1 App.2. It must be lodged with the Event Secretary, the Clerk of the Course, or their deputies, within the appropriate time limit, see Ch.2 App.9 Art 1.14. The required content of the protest is noted in Ch.2 App. 9 Art.1.10.

If the protest is in relation to the Technical Eligibility of a vehicle, the Clerk of the Course will order that the vehicle / component is examined by the relevant Technical Officials (Ch. 2. App 9 Art. 2.1). Additionally, the vehicle / component may be sealed for future examination (Ch. 2 App. 9 Art 2.4).

At the time of lodging the Protest, the Clerk of the Course in consultation with the Stewards of the Event will determine a realistic estimated cost for stripping and re-assembly, along with the Technical Commissioner's fee, and the necessary documentation will be completed (Ch. 2 App9 Art 2.9.).

Ch.2 App 9 Art 1.12 The Hearing

The Clerk of the Course will adjudicate after hearing all of the evidence, unless the Stewards of the Event are responsible for judicial matters (see Ch.2 App.3).

The hearing should be held in the presence of the person making the protest and the Competitor who is the subject of such protest but neither party may be represented by an advocate (whether legally qualified, or otherwise).

The hearing must occur as soon as possible and all parties given notice of the hearing. The hearing may be held in the absence of any of the parties provided that they were aware of the time and place of the hearing or have left the Event in contravention of Ch.6 App.1 Art.2.6.

Protest fee

Unless otherwise decided by the Clerk of the Course, or Stewards if relevant, protest deposits will be forfeit if the protest is not found/upheld.