



The Newfoundland and Labrador

# SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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## PROTEST

1. For the purpose of these Regulations, protests are objections of any kind related to events or matters that have a **direct** effect on matches, including but not limited to the state of and markings on the pitch, accessory match equipment, eligibility of players, facilities, and footballs.
2. Unless otherwise stipulated, any protest arising out of any match in a Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association (NLSA) Competition shall be made in writing and sent via email to [discipline@nlsa.ca](mailto:discipline@nlsa.ca) and [competitions@nlsa.ca](mailto:competitions@nlsa.ca) within **two (2) hours** of the match report having been finalized online.
3. A protest fee of **\$500** must be sent to [emt@nlsa.ca](mailto:emt@nlsa.ca) within **two (2) hours** of the match report having been finalized online.
4. In all cases, the NLSA Discipline Committee must rule on the protest, including the disposition of the protest fee, prior to the commencement of the team's next match. Any decision taken by this Committee on a protest shall be final and binding as far as the competition is concerned.
5. If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, the NLSA Discipline Committee may impose a sanction.
6. The referee's decision regarding facts connected with play, including whether or not a goal is scored and the result of the match, are final. There can be no protests against the referees' decision as outlined in the Laws of The Game.
7. If any of the formal protest conditions set out in these Regulations is not met, such protests shall be disregarded by the competent body.

### Required Information to Include in the Protest:

#### Date and Details of the Match

- Date of the match.
- Names of the teams involved.
- Venue/location of the match.
- Name of the competition or league.

#### Specific Incident Being Protested

- A clear and detailed description of the incident or situation being protested.
- Include relevant times or events (e.g., "In the 60th minute, an ineligible player was fielded by the opposing team").
- Refer to the relevant rules or regulations that were allegedly violated.

#### Evidence

- Attach supporting evidence such as:
  - Official match reports.
  - Screenshots or copies of relevant documents.

#### Rules and Regulations

- Cite the specific league or competition rules that were breached.
- Provide clear references (e.g., rule number or section).

#### Acknowledgment of Protest Fees

- Mention payment of any required protest fees, if applicable.

#### Signature

- Head Coach
- Technical Director or Club President