

## Game Protests

### 1. Game Protest Committee

- The game protest committee will consist of the presidents of each member club and be chaired by the Competitions Director.
- In the event that the matter involves one of the members, a family member or any team that they coach or manage, a designate with no conflict-of-interest from the same club or the RPEI board of directors will be chosen.

### 2. Protest Procedure

- The protesting head coach must notify the on-ice official of the intent to protest and it must be noted on the game sheet at the time that the cause of the protest occurs.
- Protests must be sent in writing, via letter or e-mail, to the RPEI president for consideration within 48 hours of the game for a regular season league game and by 12pm the day following a playoff game.
- Game protests will be subject to a \$100 filing fee. This fee will be returned in the event that the appeal moves forward.

### 3. Handling of Protests

- Within 7 days of the protest, the executive of RPEI must decide whether or not a protest will be forwarded to the protest committee. Three out of 4 executives must agree to either forward the protest or dismiss the protest as frivolous.
- Protests may only be made based on sufficient grounds, which are limited to:
  - i. Procedural errors
  - ii. Violation of league regulations
  - iii. Mistake on the part of the official (ex. the official did not give the penalty he/she intended)
- The RPEI president will inform those involved of the protest if it is being considered by the protest committee.
- If a protest is not being forwarded to the protest committee, a record of the protest will be kept on file and no further action will be taken.

### 4. Protest Committee Procedures

- Once forwarded to the protest committee, they will consider the evidence and make a decision within 7 days.
- The protest committee may seek information from those involved and those who witnessed the incident.
- Once a decision has been reached, the RPEI president, or designate, will inform the head coaches of both teams involved in the game.
- Decisions of the protest committee will be kept on file at the RPEI office.
- The board of RPEI will be advised of any decisions made by the discipline committee. Others may also be advised as deemed necessary to ensure compliance.
- Decisions of the protest committee may be appealed using the Appeal Policy (Section).

### 5. Procedural Time Frames

- RPEI and the discipline committee reserve the right to shorten or increase the timelines of the procedures if circumstances warrant.