

MOUNTAIN HI SWIM LEAGUE PROTEST PROCEDURES (Section 14.16 Policies and Procedures Manual)

Protests may come from a Parent Delegate or Coach, should be clearly written on the MHSL Protest form and submitted to the Meet Referee within 30 minutes of notification of the infraction. All protests submitted to the Meet Referee will be addressed promptly.

For a protest of an Official's judgment call, the Meet Referee will notify the scoring table that a protest has been filed. The swimmer's card and DQ slip will be forwarded to the Meet Referee. If the protest is discovered to be simply incorrect processing of paperwork, the Meet Referee will correct the error. If not, the Meet Referee will then call a meeting of the Protest Committee.

At dual meets, the Meet Referee is the final authority in resolving disputes regarding the competition. At Preliminaries/Final sessions of Championship and All-Stars meets, the Meet Referee assembles and heads the Protest Committee.

For dual meets, the Protest Committee consists of a Stroke Judge from each team (must not be Judge involved in the call) and a Parent Delegate from each team. (If the Parent Delegate is the person filing a protest, a Parent designee from that team must replace that Parent Delegate for that specific protest). The Referee votes only in the event of a tie.

For Championships, the Meet Referee assembles and heads the Protest Committee, which must be established prior to the start of the meet. It shall include, in addition to the Meet Referee, the Division V.P. (or designee), a Parent Delegate, a swimmer, a Stroke & Turn Judge (may not be the Stroke & Turn Judge making the call), a coach, **and an additional Parent Delegate from the unrepresented team**. It is the Division V.P.'s responsibility to ensure that each team is represented on the Protest Committee. Each member of the Committee will have a vote, except the Division VP who will vote only in the event of a tie.

The Referee gathers the facts of the disqualification from the official that called the infraction and presents those facts to the Protest Committee. The Committee has the right to question the coach and the Stroke & Turn Judge involved, if they so choose. The Committee then votes on whether or not the infraction should be upheld. The Meet Referee will communicate the decision the coach submitting the protest request and to the Scoring Table, where all documentation will be retained. Every effort should be made to reach a decision within 30 minutes of receiving the protest request.

For All-Stars protest procedures please see Section 14.16 of the MHSL Policies and Procedures manual.