



USCSA PROTEST AND APPEALS POLICY

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Background

This policy defines the Protest & Appeals Process and is written in accordance with USCSA By-Laws to provide membership with a clear understanding of the overall appeals process and recourse available.

Each of the escalation procedures are only to be used in cases where extenuating circumstances require further intervention or involvement. **At any of the steps outlined below, a higher entity may determine that no further investigation is warranted and choose not to hear further appeal. The decision rendered by the lower entity will be final.**

Appeals extending beyond the sub-committee level, will NOT be re-examined in their entirety; **only the process by which the sub-committee rendered a decision will be evaluated.** In cases of escalating appeals, the protester MUST include additional reasoning and supporting evidence as to why the decision and/or process should be considered by a higher entity.

Policy

1. Competition Rule Enforcement

Examples: improper/unsafe course setting; on-site disqualification, etc.

- 1.1. Protest by athlete or coach at competition begins with the Jury at the event.
- 1.2. The first level of appeal to the Conference is to the Division Leadership (where applicable)
- 1.3. The final level of appeal to the Conference is to the Conference Leadership
- 1.4. The first level of appeal to the National Office is to the applicable Rules Sub-Committee (Alpine, Snowboard/Freeski, Nordic)
- 1.5. The second level of appeal to the National Office is to the full Rules Committee
- 1.6. The final level of Protest appeal to the National Office is to the National Board of Directors

2. Non-Competition Rule Or Decision

Examples: academic eligibility decisions; team or individual disqualification outside of competition, etc.

- 2.1. Protest by athlete or coach of any non-competition rule or decision made by a conference begins with written appeal to the Academic Affairs Committee
- 2.2. The first level of appeal is to the Governance Committee
- 2.3. The final level of appeal is to the National Board of Directors



3. **Appeals**

3.1. Written appeals should include complete details about the specific situation and include the following:

- 3.1.1. Name & Contact info for: person filing appeal, witnesses, supporters
- 3.1.2. Rules / By Laws in question
- 3.1.3. Detailed description of event or situation
- 3.1.4. Additional reasoning & supporting evidence appealing a rendered decision
- 3.1.5. Any supplementary information useful in determining an appeal