

NOTE: Per the Rules & Regulations of the North Texas State Soccer Association, our governing body, the following are the only allowable reasons for the protest of a game:

3.13.1

There are only two acceptable causes for the protesting of a game after it has been played. They are:

1. A team knowingly plays an unregistered, ineligible or suspended player; or
2. There has been an obvious error made in the application of the Laws of the Game that directly affects the outcome of the match, and the referee admits it.

3.13.2

No protests can even be entertained if they are based on judgement decisions made by the referee during play. The Laws of the Game clearly state in Law V (Referees) that..."A referee shall be appointed to officiate each game...his decisions on points of fact connected with the play shall be final, so far as the result of the game is concerned". A game cannot be protested because one coach, or both for that matter, thinks the referee is incompetent. This is a matter to handle through the local referees' group or the State Referee Committee.

APPEAL/PROTEST PROCEDURES:

RULE XI, Letters A, B, & C - Protests & Appeals - NTPSA Rules & Regulations

A. All protests shall be first made, in writing, within five (5) calendar days to the appropriate Division Commissioner who shall within five (5) calendar days rule on such protest. All protests shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee (cash or cashier's check):

Regular season games	\$25.00
All other matters, including playoff & tournament games	\$50.00

B. Appeals from the Division Commissioner's rulings shall be made within five (5) calendar days, in writing, to the Association Commissioner who shall rule within five (5) calendar days. Individual appeals for excessive game suspensions (3 or more games) must be made directly to the Appeals & Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the NTPSA By-Laws.

C. Appeals from the Association Commissioner's rulings shall be made in accordance with the NTPSA By-Laws.

ARTICLE XV, Letters A, C, E, & F - NTPSA By-Laws

Procedure for filing appeals with the Appeals & Disciplinary Committee shall be as follows:

A. All appeals to the Appeals & Disciplinary Committee must be submitted in writing and received within five (5) days of the appealed decision. All appeals shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee (cash or cashier's check):

Regular season games	\$25.00
All other matters, Including playoff & tournament games	\$50.00

If the appeal is upheld by the Committee, the fee will be returned. If it is denied, the fee will be forfeited to the treasury of this Association. In the case of appeals of individual suspensions, the Appeals & Disciplinary Committee may waive or request the appropriate fee.

C. All appeals to this Committee must be made in writing to the Chairman of the Committee who shall then notify the Secretary and all members of this Committee. In cases of controversy, as to timely appeals, the postmark date (postage meter not acceptable) shall govern.

E. Decisions of the Appeals & Disciplinary Committee may be appealed to the Executive Board of this Association. Procedure for filing appeals with the Executive Board shall be exactly as for filing appeals with the Appeals & Disciplinary Committee except all materials shall be submitted to the Secretary of this Association who shall notify all concerned parties of the receipt of the appeal and time and place for hearing as set by the President.

F. Decisions of the Executive Board may be appealed to the North Texas State Soccer Association in accordance with procedures set for by said Association. In no event shall any person or persons or organization under jurisdiction of this Association resort to the Courts until ALL appeal procedures have been exhausted.

DATE _____

NTPSA PROTEST FORM

NAME OF PLAINTIFF: _____ PHONE NO.: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY/ZIP: _____

OPPOSING TEAM/COACH: _____

REFEREE: _____ FIELD LOCATION: _____

TIME OF INCIDENT IN RELATION TO START OF THE GAME: _____

RULE OR RULES VIOLATED: _____

DESCRIPTION OF HOW RULES WERE VIOLATED: _____

(ADDITIONAL PAPER MAY BE USED IF NECESSARY)

SCORE PRIOR TO INCIDENT (INDICATE TEAM & SCORE): _____

SCORE AFTER INCIDENT: _____

SCORE AT END OF GAME: _____

SIGNATURE OF COACH: _____ DATE: _____

INCLUDE APPROPRIATE FEE AND ANY SUPPORTING INFORMATION TO BE PRESENTED BY
ANY WITNESSES TO:

NORTH TEXAS PREMIER SOCCER ASSOCIATION
903 N. BOWSER RD., SUITE 320
RICHARDSON, TEXAS 75081

SEE BACK OF THIS FORM FOR PROPER PROCEDURES AND FEES.

DATE RECEIVED (Office) _____ DATE RECEIVED (Comm.) _____