

# **BC Coastal Soccer League – Protest Form**

## **Submitting a Protest**

If you have knowledge of the basis for a protest before the game, you must advise the referee that you are going to play the game under protest. Many protests are denied because of a failure to notify the referee prior to the game.

Team officials may protest any scheduled game. All protests must be submitted in writing to the Protest Committee.

***Before you send a protest consider whether it might be a complaint instead. Complaints may go directly to the BCCSL Secretary or to the Discipline Committee.***

The protest must be received within 48 hours of the scheduled game. Note that the protest fee must be received by the League Treasurer within 48 hours of the protest being filed. See the BCCSL Guide for Protest/Appeals Committee information.

### **GAME INFORMATION** (All fields must be completed)

<b>Division:</b>	<b>Date, time, location of game:</b>
<b>Home Team:</b>	<b>Away Team:</b>

### **Protesting Team Information**

<b>Coach name:</b>	<b>Address:</b>
<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Email:</b>

<b>Protest details:</b> (attach additional documents as necessary)
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### **The "Grounds" for Protest**

A protest will only be considered on the grounds of:

1. Interpretation of the FIFA Laws of the Game
2. On the eligibility of players, or
3. On breaches of Competition Rules and Regulations.

You must state which of these grounds is the basis for the protest.

You cannot protest a game based on the referee's judgment of the 'facts' of the game (e.g. was a player offside? Did a player handle the ball?). Any protest related to the field, posts or game equipment would be denied unless it is brought to the referee's attention before the game and the referee feels that the problem seriously affected the outcome of the game.

Any protest emailed to the league shall be considered "signed". However, the protest will not be dealt with until a cheque for \$250 payable to the "Four District Soccer League" is received by the BCCSL Treasurer. Please note that the fee must be received by the League Treasurer within 48 hours of the protest being filed.

Please see: Protest/Appeals section of BCCSL Guide for complete information.

***All protests must be received by the Protest Committee within 48 hours of the date of the match to which it relates.***