

## 4 District – 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 4District Secretary or to the Discipline Committee.***

All protests must be signed / completed by the registered team official and submitted to the 4D Protest Committee Chair within 48 hours of the date of the match to which it relates. See *Communications in the 4D 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>

**Protest details:** (attach additional documents as necessary)

### **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.

Written protests must be accompanied by a cheque for \$250 payable to the "Four District Soccer League". Any protest emailed to the league shall be considered "signed." However, the protest will not be dealt with until the protest fee is received by the Protest Chair. Please note the 48 hour deadline.

Please see: Protest/Appeals section on Page 19 of the 4D Guide for complete information.

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