



PROTESTS & COMPLAINTS

(other than disciplinary issues)

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Complaints & Protests can only be accepted from a club official who has the authorisation from his or her club to do so and must be received via email within 48 hours of the alleged incident(s) taking place. In addition, a non-refundable administration charge of £50 must be forwarded to the League Treasurer, plus also the possibility of further expenses if a protest fails and if a hearing is required.

Any form of investigation by the League takes up valuable volunteer time and personal expense. Club officials are asked to consider very carefully before making any form of complaint or protest.

In order to save time, officials filing a complaint or protest should include the full detail of the issue(s) in the first instance. This detail should be sent by email only to Phil Robshaw, or Steve Berry in his absence. Do **not** forward to the League Chairman or other League Officials.

Notifications sent to the wrong official will not count as being received by the League.

General Rule 14 - Protests

- 14.1 *Any club lodging a protest (other than a disciplinary issue) against another club or other issue shall send such protest to the secretary or deputy by email within 48 hours of the end of the game where applicable, together with the amount as per the schedule of administrative penalties. The amount required will be an administration charge which is not refundable. Where a protest fails there may also be a further charge to cover expenses.*
- 14.2 *All protests will be considered by a panel put together by the Management Board. Clubs have a right to appeal to a further independent panel appointed by the Management Board. There will be a minimum administration charge of £150 plus expenses for any appeal hearing.*
- 14.3 *In the case of a dispute, representatives of the club, or clubs, concerned shall be eligible to attend the hearing but will not be allowed to vote.*
- 14.4 *The Management Board may call on any club to produce their DBS Register, Minute Book, Cash Book or Score Book to prove the bona-fides of any player against whom a protest has been made.*