

# HOW TO FILE A PROTEST



**Special  
Olympics**

A Step by Step Guide for  
World Games Protests

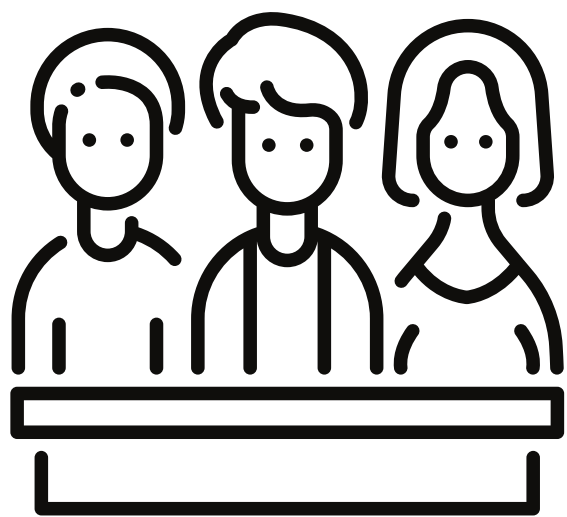
## STEP 1: IDENTIFY THE PROTEST

A Coach or Designee may submit a protest for one or more of the following reasons:

1. There was a misinterpretation of sport rules
2. There is a failure of a referee or judge to apply the correct rule
3. There is a failure to impose the correct penalty for a violation

A person may not submit a protest for the following reasons:

1. If it is a fact-specific judgment call(s) of referees, judges or others
2. Divisioning and meaningful involvement decisions



## STEP 2: THE SPORT SPECIFIC JURY WILL REVIEW

The Sport Specific Jury will review the protest. The person who submitted the protest may either accept the decision or submit an appeal to the Jury of Appeals.

## STEP 3: SUBMITTING A APPEAL

If the person who submitted the protest does not accept the decision, he or she must submit an appeal to the Jury of Appeals. Appeals must be submitted with 60 minutes after the decision has been made. The Jury of Appeals are the final authority for all rule interpretations and appeals during the Games. Their decision is final.



## STEP 4: THE PROTEST PROCESS IS COMPLETE

The Protest and Appeals Process is now complete! As a reminder, the Protest and Appeal Process is to ensure that competition is organized and carried out accordingly to the rules. All decision are based on the rules and the specific circumstances for each protest.



**"LET ME WIN. BUT IF I CANNOT WIN, LET ME BE BRAVE IN THE ATTEMPT"**  
**- EUNICE KENNEDY SHRIVER**