

## Appendix V – Protest and Appeal Procedures

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**A reminder** that all protests must be endorsed by the Chef de Mission and submitted **in writing** by the **Head Coach** to the **Sport Specific Manager** within 30 minutes following the posting of results.

The protest fee of \$50.00 must accompany all protests.

Any discrepancies in results (as posted) should first be checked with the **Results Centre**.

The protest committee will be comprised of:

1. Sport Manager
2. Head Official
3. SONL Representative

Protest forms to be utilized for the Special Olympics Newfoundland & Labrador 2013 Provincial Winter Championships were included in the technical packages for all sports.

The results of the protest committee will be rendered to the Chef de Mission immediately following the review and follow-up in writing.

Should a Club wish to appeal a protest, decision, the chef de mission must submit a request in writing to SONL Program Director. The Appeals Committee will review the request for an appeal to determine if there are grounds for an appeal. If satisfied that there are not sufficient grounds for an appeal, the Committee will notify the Club in writing of its decision. This decision is discretionary and cannot be appealed.

If deemed to have sufficient grounds, the Club will be notified immediately, and the appeal will be heard as soon as time permits. Once the appeal has been heard the committee will notify the Club in writing of its decision.

The Appeals Committee will be composed of:

1. Organizing Committee Chair
2. SONL Championship Committee Representative
3. Other SONL Representatives

### **Grounds for Appeal**

An appeal of a protest decision shall only be heard if there are sufficient grounds for the appeal. Sufficient grounds include, but are not limited to:

- a) failing to follow procedures as outlined above
- b) making a decision which was influenced by bias
- c) failing to consider relevant information or taking into account irrelevant information in making the decision
- d) availability of new information not heard during the appeal

