

- The concerns of the protesting party, and
- Against whom the protest is lodged, when relevant

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- 56.3.2.** Each protest must be accompanied by a deposit, the amount of which is specified in the supplementary regulations. This deposit may only be returned if the protest is upheld, unless fairness requires otherwise.
- 56.3.3.** In the case of protests referring to the alleged non-compliance of vehicle with the regulations and requiring the dismantling and re-assembly of clearly defined parts of a vehicle, an additional deposit may be specified by the stewards on a proposal from the chief scrutineer. This additional deposit must be paid by the protester within one hour upon notification of the stewards (or, where appropriate, within such timeframe as agreed by them) otherwise, the protest will be deemed inadmissible.
- 56.3.4.** If the protest is unfounded, and if the expenses incurred by the protest (scrutineering, transport, etc.) are higher than the amount of the deposit, the difference shall be borne by the claimant. Conversely, if the expenses are less, the difference shall be returned.
- 56.3.5.** Protest deposits must be paid directly to the rally administration.

56.4. TO WHOM ADDRESSED

- 56.4.1.** Protests arising out of a Competition shall be addressed to the chairman of the stewards
- 56.4.2.** The shall be delivered to the clerk of the Course or their assistance if such exists. In absence of the clerk of the Course or of his assistance, such protests should be delivered to the chairman of the stewards.
- 56.4.3.** Receipt of the protest shall be acknowledged in writing, with the time of receipt noted.

56.5. HEARING

- 56.5.1.** The hearing of the protester and of all parties concerned by the protest shall take place as soon as possible after the protest have been lodged.
- 56.5.2.** The parties concerned shall be summoned to appear at the hearing, and may be accompanied by witnesses.
- 56.5.3.** The stewards must ensure that the summons has been personally received by all parties concerned.
- 56.5.4.** In the absence of any party concerned or of their witnesses, judgement may be made by default.
- 56.5.5.** If judgement cannot be given immediately after the hearing of the parties concerned, they must be advised of the place and time at which the decision will be given.

56.6. INADMISSIBLE PROTEST

- 56.6.1.** Protests against decision made by any judges of fact in the exercise of their duties will be not admitted
- 56.6.2.** The decision of these judges are final unless such decision is overruled by the stewards, but they shall not in themselves constitute the classification, because they have taken no account of the conditions under which the Competitors have completed the Course.
- 56.6.3.** A single protest against more than one Competitor will not be accepted.
- 56.6.4.** A protest lodged jointly by several Competitors will not be accepted.

56.7. PUBLICATION OF THE AWARDS AND PRIZE-GIVING

- 56.7.1.** A prize won by a Competitor against whom a protest has been lodged must be withheld until a decision has been reached on the subject of the protest
- 56.7.2.** Moreover, in the event of any protest being lodged whose outcome might modify the classification of the Competition, the Organizers shall only publish a provisional classification and shall withhold all prizes until a final decision concerning the protest (including appeals) has been reached.
- 56.7.3.** However, in the case of a protest affecting only part of the classification, such part as is not affected by the protest may be published definitively, and the corresponding prizes distributed.

56.8. JUDGEMENT

- 56.8.1.** All parties concerned shall be bound by the decision reached, subject to the conditions of the appeal laid down in these regulations and the supplementary regulations, but no one has the right to order that a competition be re-run.

56.9. PROTEST WITHOUT FOUNDATION

- 56.9.1.** If the protest is rejected or if it is withdrawn after being brought, no part of the deposit shall be returned.
- 56.9.2.** If judged partially founded, the deposit may be returned in part, and in its entirety if the protest is upheld
- 56.9.3.** Moreover, if it is proven that the author of the protest has acted in bad faith, the Stewards may inflict upon additional penalties as laid down in the regulations.

56.10. APPEALS

The Stewards decisions are final and are not subject to appeal.