



## GAMES & TOURNAMENTS

### RINGETTE ONTARIO PROTESTS & GRIEVANCES

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#### 1.1 TOURNAMENT PROTEST AND GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

1.1.1 It is recommended that Sanctioned Tournaments have a Protest and Grievance Committee, as appointed by the Host, consisting of five (5) registered Ringette Ontario participants i.e. referee, coach, etc.

1.1.2 At Provincial Events, a Provincial Protest and Grievance Committee of three (3) people: Provincial Chair of G&T as Chair, Provincial Officiating Chair Designate, Provincial Coaching Chair/ Designate. In the case that one of these individuals has a conflict, then the one of the following roles may replace that individual: Provincial Host Chair/Designate, Regional G&T Coordinator. The Committee will convene should any of the following Sanction Rules be violated by a participating player, Bench Staff or team during the Ringette Ontario Sanctioned Event. In the event the Coaching Chair is in a position of conflict of interest, the Protest and Grievance Committee Chair shall select a replacement, also not in conflict or if not available, in the following order of priority; Host Region Coaching Coordinator, Provincial Coaching Committee, or CI Certified or equivalent Ringette™ Coach in attendance at the tournament.

***NOTE:*** A representative of the Tournament and Grievance Committee may not participate on a protest and/or grievance involving their Home Association.

1.1.3 No Protests and/or Grievances shall be entertained against the official's judgment and/or application of the playing rules on the ice. Questions concerning the rule interpretations shall be directed to the Referee-in-Chief of the Tournament.

1.1.4 The Ringette Ontario office will be copied on all minutes of any Protest and Grievance Committee Meeting. Minutes MUST be taken.

#### 1.2 PROTESTS

1.2.1 At a Sanctioned Event, the only actions that may be protested are:

- Ineligible Players.
- Ineligible Bench Staff.

1.2.2 Ineligible Players:

- A player who is not registered and verified with Ringette Ontario.
- A player on any team other than the one(s) she/he is registered on, except as allowed as a properly documented substitute.
- A player playing while under Ringette Ontario suspension.

Substantiated violation of the above will result in disqualification of the team from the tournament. The team will also subject to sanction fines levied by Ringette Ontario.

#### 1.2.3 Ineligible Bench Staff:

- Bench staff who have not registered with Ringette Ontario.
- A Bench Staff on any team other than the one(s) she/he is registered on, except as allowed as a properly documented substitute.
- Bench staff whom do not have the required qualifications.
- Bench staff participating while under Ringette Ontario suspension.

Substantiated violation of the above will result in disqualification of the team from the tournament. The team will also subject to sanction files levied by Ringette Ontario.

### **1.3 GRIEVANCE**

1.3.1 At a Sanctioned Event, a Ringette Ontario participant has the opportunity to grieve any action that is not covered under the Protest Section.

1.3.2 The interpretation of a grievance is that it is of such a serious nature that the cash deposit will be \$75.00 non-refundable, payable to the Hosting body.

1.3.3 No grievance will be allowed against the judgement and application of the playing rules on the ice. Questions concerning rule interpretations shall be directed to the Referee-In-Chief of the tournament.

1.3.4 All upheld grievances shall automatically go to the Executive Director for potential further disciplinary action.

### **1.4 PROCEDURES FOR PROTESTS AND/OR GRIEVANCES**

1.4.1 Coach will inform the on-ice official at the end of the game of their intention of protesting a violation of the playing rules or initiating a grievance. The official will record the intended protest on the front of the game sheet.

- 1.4.2 The coach will submit the protest and/or grievance in writing to the Tournament Arena Convener on duty within thirty (30) minutes of the end of the game. A \$75.00 cash deposit must accompany the submission and minutes must be submitted to the Ringette Ontario Executive Director.
- 1.4.3 The Tournament Arena Convener shall contact a representative of the Protest and Grievance Committee immediately.
- 1.4.4 The Tournament Protest and Grievance Committee shall meet within two (2) hours of notification of a protest and/or grievance and will inform both coaches of the teams involved within one (1) hour of the end of their meeting as to whether the violation is substantiated or otherwise.