



Team Managers Guide

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Team managers need to have detailed knowledge of the rules and relevant policies of surf lifesaving. You should have a copy of the current Surf Sports Manual with you at events. All updates to the manual are released via bulletins and it is important prior to attending any competition you check that the manual is current. Bulletins can be found in the members portal and on the [SLS website](#).

Protests and appeals

Team support members should make themselves aware of the Protest and Appeals procedures in section 14 of the [Surf Sports Manual](#). A handy hint when arriving at the beach is to ensure you have cash available for a protest. Each protest will cost you **\$115** and will be accepted only in cash.

The process:

1. A team manager or your representative is the only person eligible to lodge a protest.
2. The competition liaison officer will assist with completing the necessary form.
3. Protests can be made only to the competition referee or the area/sectional referees.
4. A verbal protest must be lodged to the sectional referee within five minutes of the completion of the event or the declaration of the result.
5. A written protest must be lodged on the form provided (or plain paper if no form is provided), within 15 minutes of the verbal protest being lodged.
6. The written protest must outline the grounds for protest and refer to the appropriate section of the Surf Sports Manual.
7. The written protest may need to be accompanied by a cash fee, so ensure you have petty cash available. The fee is non-refundable if dismissed.
8. If an appeal is to be pursued the Competition Appeal Committee, it will be put in place by the Appeals Convenor. The panel shall consider the protest and either uphold or dismiss. If the protest is upheld any fee will be returned to the club.
9. When presenting a case to the appeals committee keep your cool and deliver the facts, the athlete may also be present to assist with information at the appeal committee discretion.
10. It should be noted that the appeal committee's decision is final and there is no right of further appeals against that decision.
11. Make sure that parents and supporters DO NOT approach officials with protests.

Disciplinary hearings

The SLSA authority conducting the event will appoint a carnival disciplinary committee to enquire into any conduct of a member while travelling to and from the competition and while within the jurisdiction of the relevant SLSA competition authority.

The structure, function and arrangements for the committee hearings are shown in section 14 of the Sports Manual.

Substitutions and changes to entries

Each event will have different event conditions so it is important to read the entry conditions carefully. The main consideration with a substitution is that there is no substitution for individual events.