

# PROTESTS

A. At all ABA sanctioned Tournaments, a Protest Committee will consider and rule on all disputes and protests submitted at those tournaments.

B. Protests will be submitted in writing, no later than one-hour after completion of the day's shooting. Notice of intention to hear a protest will be made immediately after the archer filing such protest, has completed the days shooting. All particulars of the protest, witnesses to the incident, reason for the protest being filed, will be contained in the written protest.

C. A protest fee of \$50 AUD will accompany all protests at the time of filing.

D. The Protest Committee will consist of: Chairman: Shoot Director. Members: 1 Executive and 1 experienced senior archer from within the shooting ranks. This shooter must not be a person who is involved in the protest in any way.

## E. PROTEST PROCEDURES

1. Only breaches of Rules 6 (Shooting styles following forward), 9, 12, 13, 16 and Definitions 1 - 14 and the ABA Code of Conduct (ABA book of rules) may be subject to a protest and only these items can be considered by a Protest Committee. Course layout for example cannot be protested. All other problems may be referred for a resolution to the Shoot Director.

2. No person may file a protest for another; the person submitting the protest must be the injured party.

3. No Cub archer may file a protest.

4. No other person other than those mentioned herein may sit in on the protest meeting.

5. If the protest is upheld, the protest fee shall be returned. If not upheld, the fee shall go to the Treasurer for deposit into the appropriate Association account.

6. The Protest Committee shall observe the rules of natural justice by allowing each relevant party a reasonable opportunity to hear and to question all matters presented to the committee. The Protest Committee shall seek an equitable outcome to accord with the wording and intent of the ABA rules and Policies. This outcome may range between permitting (for example and without restriction) the repeat shooting of a target or two - allocation to another style – cancelling all or part of a score for one or more day - rescinding the competitor's entry - the reporting of an archer to ABA.

7. The decision of the Protest Committee is to be given in writing and, following it being read to the Protestor and if appropriate published more widely, it is to be forwarded to the Executive Director for information. The Protest Committee's decision is not subject to appeal at law nor is it binding on ABA.