

Protest Procedure

- Provide AIA Protest Form. **Only** this form will be accepted.
- Ethics committee is required to verify that all protest forms have been thoroughly completed.

No coach, competitor, or protester may protest an Ethics Committee decision. If a coach, competitor, or protester is in disagreement with Ethics Committee decision, they may formally write their complaint and present it personally or through their AIA Conference representative for discussion and resolution at the next AIA Advisory Committee meeting.

If a coach, competitor, or protester refuse to abide by an Ethics Committee decision, they are to be disqualified and ejected from the tournament (even if this means a team must be disqualified as well as a result of a lack of certified supervision) as per AIA by-laws.

All filed protests (infractions) are considered valid from tournament to tournament, season to season. For example:

A protested selection or piece of evidence is found in violation in tournament A. If **the same violation** occurs in tournament B, the competitor and head coach will be immediately disqualified. Verification must be provided.

The respective conference representative will officially file all protests.

Only the head coach, protester, competitor(s), and Ethics Committee may be involved in protest procedures.

All Ethics Committee decisions are final.

Any disputed decisions are NOT to be addressed at tournaments, but at the next AIA Committee meeting.