

Item 3e Slalom Rules Change Proposal

Proposed Slalom Committee Protest Procedure

The JCNA Slalom Committee proposes that the following “Complaints and Protests” procedure be approved by the AGM and added to the Slalom Rules as a new section at the end of the current rules. The Committee also requests that the AGM further approve the implementation of this new rule for the 2005 season.

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1. Protests

The protest process is intended to allow Entrants to in a JCNA slalom to question their placement in a particular class or the manner in which the event is conducted to the extent that it may effect an Entrant’s times, including issues related to compliance with JCNA national slalom rules. All issues with regard to the award of local prizes, the local fees charged, decisions regarding cancellation or rescheduling of events or other matters of a local nature shall be within the sole judgment and discretion of the local slalom steward in charge of the event and shall not be subject to protest or review by the National Slalom Committee.

2. Settling On-Site Complaints or Protests

If, during a Slalom event, an Entrant voices a protest or complaint relating to any aspect of the running of the event, the local slalom steward involved must strive to settle the issue courteously and fairly on-site, prior to the completion of the event. If warranted, the local slalom steward may allow an entrant to make a “make-up” run or take other action to adjust the grievance, consistent with the National Slalom Rules. Decisions of the slalom steward regarding local matters shall be final and not subject to appeal. In the event that an Entrant disagrees with the local slalom steward’s ruling as to matter of interpretation or application of the National Slalom Rules, the Entrant may file a formal protest as provided herein.

3. Filing Protests

- a.** An Entrant’s written protest must be filed with the JCNA Slalom Committee Chair within 15 days of the occurrence or it will not be considered. The address for the JCNA Slalom Committee Chair is listed in the Jaguar Journal's Club Page and on the CONTACTS page of www.jcna.com. Protests may be submitted by electronic mail.
- b.** When an Entrant files the protest with the Slalom Committee Chair, a copy must also be sent to the local slalom steward of the event. Following this procedure will help expedite the protest resolution process.

4. Slalom Committee Review of Unresolved Protests

Only the JCNA Slalom Committee has the authority to rule on unresolved Entrant procedural or administrative protests, to the extent that they relate to the application or interpretation of the JCNA National Slalom Rules only. Decisions of the local slalom steward shall be give great deference and shall only be overturned if it appears to the Committee that the local slalom steward acted arbitrarily, capriciously, or in clear violation of the National Slalom Rules. Within 15 days of receipt of a protest, the local slalom steward shall prepare a written report of the event and provide a copy thereof to the Slalom Committee Chair and the Entrant who filed the protest. Either party may submit statements from witnesses to the event. Upon receipt of the local slalom steward’s report, witness statements and other evidence, if any, the Slalom Committee will review such evidence. In the event that the local slalom steward fails or refuses to provide a response with 15 days, upon due notice to the local slalom steward and the local club president, the slalom committee may, at its option, rule on the protest based upon the evidence submitted by the protesting Entrant. To overturn or change a local slalom steward’s decision, a majority of the entire Committee must vote to take such action.

5. Protest Committee Responses

As soon as the Slalom Committee reaches a decision, the Entrant filing the protest will be notified of the ruling by e-mail (if filed by email), or by a letter from the Slalom Committee Chairman. If the ruling results in a score or class change, the person in charge of recording scores for that event will be notified and must make the change on the JCNA website. The Editor of the Jaguar Journal will also notified in order for the results of the protest to be published in the Journal.