

APPEALS, HEARINGS, AND PROTESTS

1. Appeals: A proceeding by which a cause is brought before the FRSE for re-examination or review. It shall be the policy of the FRSE that when any incident occurs where an action against a participant is pending and the nature of the action is such that immediate adjudication is not required, the recipient is entitled to a hearing before the FRSE prior to a decision being made.
Any action taken by a FRSE Director(s), Coordinator or Executive Staff member, which is construed by the recipient to be punitive in nature, can be appealed to the FRSE.
2. Hearings:
 1. If an incident occurs during the course a FRSE event which causes or may cause an action to be taken, the individual(s) involved may be notified verbally or in writing. A hearing to determine the disposition and possible penalties will be held during the course of the FRSE event if time permits.
 2. Occasionally, an incident may occur during the course of a FRSE Event that are considered special circumstances. These circumstances include: an individual(s) involved is unavailable, time does not allow for a hearing during the event, or circumstances surrounding the incident do not come to the attention of the FRSE, or evidence is not available until after the close of the Event. The individual(s) involved shall be notified in writing. Such notification should include the nature of the incident, date, time and location along with the persons involved. A hearing into the matter, with the date and time outlined, to determine the disposition and possible penalties, will be held.
 3. If an incident occurs at a time other than during the FRSE event, the FRSE shall determine if such incident is an appropriate subject for a hearing and possible punitive action. If determined, the individual(s) shall be notified in writing as stated in #2 above and a hearing scheduled.If, in any of the above situations, the FRSE determines that punitive or disciplinary action(s) shall be taken, the individual(s) shall be notified in person or by registered mail of the FRSE. They will be given thirty (30) days in which to request an appeal before the FRSE. Such appeal may also be presented in writing instead of a personal appearance if the appellant so chooses. Failure to request an appeal or submit an appeal in writing within thirty (30) days will result in automatic institution of the recommended action. Following a hearing or appeal, the individual(s) involved shall be notified as soon as possible of the disposition reached by FRSE or in all cases within fourteen (14) days. It shall be the FRSE's discretion as to whether an individual's agency Chief Administrator is notified of an incident involving a FRSE participant.
3. PROTESTS: A Protest is an objection lodged with an official, such as one against a player because of eligibility.
Official's/referee's calls, consistent with the rules of the sport, are not protestable.
All Protests must be lodged with the Event Coordinator, or his designee, immediately after the violation. If the Coordinator or the group within the rule of sport designated to hear protests, cannot resolve the Protest, the competitor will be allowed to compete under protest.
The Protest shall then be submitted in writing to the FRSE within one (1) hour of the initial protest. A \$150.00 (one hundred fifty) dollar filing fee will be assessed. If the presentation of awards is affected by the possible results of the Protest, the awards shall be withheld pending the FRSE decision. A protest committee will convene and issue a ruling as soon as feasibly possible, which may not occur until the game/event has been completed. The protest committee will consist of the Event Coordinator, Ranking FRSE representative, and a non-involved Event Coordinator of another sport. The protest will gather information from all parties and quorum. The protest fee will be returned if the protesting party prevails in the ruling. The protest committee decisions are final and binding. All individuals or team representatives shall be notified of all findings by the FRSE as soon as possible and in all cases within three (3) hours. All FRSE decisions are final.