

# **PROTEST POLICY**

- All protests must be presented in writing and accompanied by \$25.00.
- Protests based solely on judgment calls are not allowed.
- A protest can be filed on a question of professionalism and/or the eligibility of a participant.
  - 1) In a protest regarding whether a participant is a professional, the burden of proof as to professional status rests on the person or company making the protest. (See General Information, "Amateurs Only" section for more information regarding Professional Status.)
  - 2) In a protest regarding the eligibility of a participant, the burden of proof as to eligibility rests on the participant or that participant's company coordinator, in the form of picture identification.
    - ✓ When the eligibility of a competitor is in question, the protestor must identify that competitor to KCCC Staff. Upon receiving the \$25.00 protest fee, KCCC Staff will request a picture ID from the competitor in question. If that competitor cannot produce a picture ID, or proves not to be an eligible participant, he/she will be disqualified from the competition, in team competition, the team will forfeit the game and the protestor will be refunded the \$25.00.
    - ✓ In tournament play, teams will forfeit the game in which a participant failed to produce an ID. In double-elimination tournaments, if the participant in question can provide an ID proving eligibility prior to their next scheduled game, that team will only forfeit the previous game not the entire event. If that participant can't provide an ID prior to their next scheduled game time, that team will be forfeited from the entire event or tournament. Also, please note that a 25-point penalty will be assessed to any company found in violation of the Employee Eligibility Rules. Please be certain that all of your participants meet our eligibility requirements.
    - ✓ If the competitor in question does prove to be an eligible participant, the protestor will lose the \$25.00 protest fee, and competition will continue.
- **PROTESTS MUST BE STATED AT THE TIME OF OCCURRENCE.** Notify the on-site KCCC Staff during the game of the protest. The appropriate paperwork and fee may be submitted at the end of the match. No protests will be allowed "after the fact".
- **PROTESTS MUST ALSO BE STATED BY A PARTICIPANT WHO IS INVOLVED (PLAYING OR COACHING) IN THE GAME OR MATCH IN QUESTION**
- The \$25.00 protest fee will be refunded if the protest is allowed.
- The Protest Committee will consist of the KCCC Staff on-site at the event in question.