



Technical Notification 313

Dated: Dec. 26, 2024

Re: Complaints, Protests and Appeals.

The Adult Skating Committee, Athletes Advisory Committee, Coaches Council, Competitions Committee, Domestic Officials Recruitment and Management Committee, and the U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors have approved the following amendments to the rules regarding complaints, protests and appeals.

1500 Complaints, Protests, Appeals – All Disciplines

- 1501** All protests to the chief and/or event referee must be in writing. The protest must identify the specific basis for the protest, including the name of the official, rule number or bylaw article at issue or other basis for the protest. In the case of an element identification error, error in data input, mathematical or calculation error, error in application or omission of a bonus, or error in fall entry, the type of error and element being challenged must be specified in the protest.
- 1502** A protest concerning the participation of a competitor must be filed with the chief referee before the start of the first event of the entire competition. If an immediate decision cannot be reached, the competitor will be permitted to start, but in the event the protested competitor wins a prize, the announcement of the result and the distribution of prizes will be deferred until a final decision has been made.
- 1503** Protests other than concerning the participation or eligibility of a competitor must be filed with the chief and/or event referee as follows:
1. For the U.S. Figure Skating Championships and U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships, no later than 60 10 minutes after the posting of the official results of that the competitor's event.
 2. For all other competitions, no later than 30 minutes after the posting of the official results for the competitor's event.
- 1504** Decisions of the chief and/or event referee affecting the eligible status of a competitor, the exclusion, disqualification or qualification of an entrant or official, or the determination of a result may be appealed to an Expedited Hearing Panel (see per rule rule GCR 5.04). Appeals must be made per rule GCR 5.04. in writing and sent to the chief referee of the competition, and the secretary and Administrative/Legal Group coordinator of U.S. Figure Skating within five days after the chief and/or event referee's decision. No other appeals from the decisions of chief and/or event referee will be permitted.
- 1505** Protests to the chief and/or event referee and appeals to the Expedited Hearing Panel can be filed by the competitor, or by ~~either the club or the~~ coach on behalf of the competitor.
- 1506 Formal Complaints Against Officials at a Competition**
Complaints concerning any official at a competition must be made in writing to one of the following:
- Chief referee of the competition;
 - Event referee at the competition;
 - Technical panel captain at the competition in the case of a complaint against a technical panel official.

Note: *The Technical Panel Error Correction Protocol has also been updated [here](#).*

Implementation date: Jan. 20, 2025