

PROTESTING SPECIFIC COMPONENTS ON ANY RACECAR:

The purpose of the protest is to provide a “safety valve” to help keep the division competitive and to keep the cost of racing affordable. Only a driver from that particular race may protest a component on another competitor’s car. Any specific engine, rear end, suspension components, etc., of any driver’s car may be protested by any driver in that feature after the race for **the amount designated** in terms of cash or certified check.

Note: “On track” race calls cannot be protested.

TIME OF THE PROTEST: The protester’s written protest (signed and dated) and full payment of **\$300.00** (in cash or certified check – no personal checks) must be presented to the division’s tech inspector in writing no later than **fifteen (15) minutes** following the finish of the race. Only a driver finishing on the lead lap may protest any other car finishing on the lead lap. Once a protest is made, it may not be withdrawn. All purse and points are to be distributed after a decision on the protest has been made. Technical inspectors will not accept verbal protests or protests which are not accompanied by the required protest fee and valid written protest.

CHECKING THE PROTEST: After the technical inspector has completed his/her post race inspection then and only then will the letter be opened and the protest process will begin. The protested component will be removed from the car being protested and from the protester’s car or made available for inspection by the protested team’s and protester’s crew (number to be determined by the tech inspector) and taken for inspection by the tech inspector. The following people will be permitted to be present at the protest site: protested driver and crew (the crew shall leave once the part is removed), protester and crew, tech officials and designated Speedway Management representative(s). If a decision at the track cannot be made, then the component will be kept for further testing and validating at the discretion of speedway management until a final decision on legality can be determined. **On a protest, it is the driver’s duty to prove his legality, not the tech officials or protester’s duty to prove the violation. Only the protested component may result in a disqualification – no other components will be considered regardless of their legality.**

Shipping Fees – If a decision cannot be made by the technical inspector or Speedway Management, then the protested component may be sent to an independent tester at the protester’s expense for review.

WHEN THE PROTEST FINDS A LEGAL COMPONENT: After inspection, if the protested component is found legal, the protest money will be given to the driver of the car from which the component was protested (less a \$50.00 inspection fee and shipping charges determined by Speedway Management).

WHEN THE PROTEST FINDS AN ILLEGAL COMPONENT: After inspection, if the protested component is found illegal, the driver of that car will be disqualified from that event, forfeits all prizes and honors earned at the event and face the possibility of more penalties at the discretion of Speedway Management. The illegal parts will also be confiscated by speedway management immediately. The protest money will be returned to the team filing the protest. The driver who was found illegal will be responsible to pay for inspection fees and shipping charges in the form of a fine.

REFUSAL OF A PROTEST: If the driver of the protested car does not allow inspection under these terms, he or she will be disqualified, forfeit all points, purse monies, prizes and awards earned at that event and possibly suffer more penalties as determined by Speedway Management. The car will also be suspended from competition. Once the car or protested component leaves the technical inspection area, the protested driver and/or owner forfeit the right to appeal the penalty.

***Speedway Management may penalize the author of a protest deemed to be malicious, spiteful, or who otherwise acts in bad faith. No driver may protest any other driver’s components more than two times during the calendar year.**