

LEVEL THREE CONTROLLERS WORKSHOP JURY DECISIONS

At a National Event which has international orienteers in the field, you are asked to serve on the jury. As a group, decide what you would do, why, and under which IOF rule. In each case, a protest has been made following a complaint which the organiser has rejected.

Protest 1

In the individual event, competitor Zip is the last starter in his class, which has 80 starters. The start interval is 2 minutes. Zip finishes second in the class by 1 second to competitor Able, who was the first starter, and his major competition.

Zip's coach times him at 2 seconds faster than his official time. The coach also times competitor Able, and his time for Able is the same as Able's official time.

Competitor Zip protests, claiming that either the start clock or finish timing device is inaccurate, as the coach's watch is accurate to a millisecond per month.

Dismissed: We assumed that the backup timing system backed up the official race time.

Protest 2

In the mens relay race, planned according to the Farsta method, three teams, A, B and C finish first, second and third respectively, and within a few seconds of each other.

Teams A and B are subsequently disqualified during SI card processing for their third leg runners when it is discovered that these runners did not run the courses designated for them by the course planner.

Both teams A and B lodge a complaint, claiming that their third leg runners ran the courses according to the maps provided to them and that the courses were appropriate to the class. The event organiser re-instated both teams when it was found that the maps were provided to them as a result of an organisational error, and not as a result of the runners taking the wrong maps.

Team C then protests, claiming that regardless of the cause of the error, both teams should be disqualified because they did not run their correct courses, or failing disqualification, as the error resulted from organisational failure, the race should be annulled.

Assuming that teams A, B and C have not run the same course so that rule 16.6 has been breached. Appropriate action would be to uphold but take no action; or to void the course. This would depend upon the significance of the difference in course lengths.

Protest 3

In the womens relay, which did not use the Farsta method of planning, a check of details after the event, discovered that Team Aus covered 200m extra in distance and 30m extra climb, than the winning team. The Aus team manager protested.

Upheld; take no action.

Protest 4

In the mens elite relay, the team Fantasia's last runner starts in the mass start for 3rd leg runners. However, the total running time of the Fantasia team is less than half that of the Tasmanian Devils, which is placed ahead of the Fantasia team.

Team Fantasia protests about their placing.

Dismissed – see rule 24.7

Protest 5

Freddy Hotshot arrives late for his start because of a flat tyre en-route to the event. Officials, aware of his status in his class, allow him to start as soon as possible after arriving at the start late, but before all of the competitors have started.

He starts on an odd minute behind Johnny Fastbutnotsoaccurate.

Freddy has the fastest actual time for his class, but because he is deemed to have been late due to his own fault, his competition time places him 10th.

Provisionally first for the class is Johnny Fastbutnotsoaccurate. Second, by 10 seconds is Billy Alsoahotshot. Johnny's time is 90 seconds slower than Freddy's actual time. Billy protests, citing rule 22.9, in particular that officials did not take into account the possible influence on other competitors when allowing Freddy to start when he did.

Dismissed – organisational team followed the rules

Protest 6

In the elite mens race, Billyicanbeatanyone from Fantasia was approaching a control, when he saw a team mate running hither and yon obviously looking for the control.

Upon reaching the control, Billyicanbeatanyone yelled out to his team mate "over here, it is up here".

A veteran orienteer, moving slowly along nearby, heard this exchange, and went over to Billyicanbeatanyone and said "you should know that what you have just done is against the rules. It is not in the spirit of fair play". Billyicanbeatanyone responded "get f-----".

On his return to the finish, the veteran orienteer lodged a complaint. The organiser disqualified Billyicanbeatanyone. He protests against this action.

Billyicanbeatanyone has the fastest time for his class.

Dismissed: Rules 26

Protest 7

Several elite women competitors protest that a control in a gully is in the wrong place. After the first complaint, the course planner went out and replaced the control to the correct position. The scale of the map is 1:10000.

The jury visits and finds that the tape and original position of the control was 20m out of place, but in the correct gully.

Dismissed: distance was insignificant.

Protest 8

On his way to the first control, Varrenfastenough from Muchastan realises that he has been given a map with the incorrect course and he immediately returns to the start. Unfortunately, there are no spare maps and he has to wait until one is obtained from the finish area two kilometres away. By this time it is over 10 minutes since the last competitor in his class started.

He finishes a close second and the Team Manager protests that Varrenfastenough was disadvantaged by having to start so far behind the rest of his class, and that spare maps should have been available at the start.

Dismissed – should have been spare maps, but there was no disadvantage.

Protest 9

In the womens race the number 1 new Zealand runner caught up with the number 1 Australian runner. They were racing side by side across a steepish slope with few distinguishing contour features to a small piece of rocky ground, east side, number 259.

As they were close to the approximate distance they saw to their left and some 10m climb a control flag on what looked like rocky ground. They both punched and continued their running battle. At the finish, they were both DNF'd because they had punched 258, instead of 259.

Control 259 was also on a piece of rocky ground, south-east side, some 90m away and slightly downhill from control 258. Both Team captains protested, that they wanted their team members re-instated and that they did not want the race voided.

Dismissed – 30 m rule & 60 m guideline.