



Procedure For Dealing With Queries, Objections And Appeals At Competitions

- Competitors, and/or their parents should not approach a Fence Steward to enquire about the marking of a fence.
- Only a District Commissioner or his/her appointed Representative may query the results of a competition at the Secretary's tent. The Chairman of the Sub Committee involved or Chief Steward will explain/investigate any query or question brought to him/her.
- If the DC or his/her representative is unhappy with the explanation they must make an Objection in writing and lodge a deposit of €30, not later than 30 minutes after provisional scores have been posted.
- Queries and/or Objections will only be dealt with on the day of the competition.
- The formal Objection is dealt with by the Chief Steward and/or the Chairman of the Sub Committee.
- Each interested party must receive a fair hearing and be allowed the facility to properly state their case and present all the relevant facts.
- All relevant witnesses must be heard. Judges, Course designers/builder and Stewards who were in the area may be able to give relevant evidence.
- In the case of all formal objections the decision by the Chief Steward/Chairman of the Sub Committee should be given in writing to the Organising Committee and copies to each interested party.

If the competitor and his/her District Commissioner are dissatisfied with the ruling of the Chief Steward/Chairman of the Sub Committee on the objection – s/he has the right to Appeal.

Appeals At Competition

- When the Appeals Committee is called they will first read the decision of the Chief Steward/Chairman of the Sub Committee.
- They then hear the appellant and his witnesses followed by other interested parties and other witnesses.
- The Chief Steward/Chairman of the Sub Committee and the Appeal Committee are entitled to take into account that which they have seen happen. Interested parties may be invited to comment on the facts before a decision is reached.
- The decision of the Appeals Committee should be given in writing to the Organising Committee and copies to each interested party.
- **When a complaint has been adjudicated upon by the Appeals Committee, this decision is final and the matter is closed.**