Squamish Days Logger Sports — Official Result Protest & Review Policy

1. Overview & Scope

This policy outlines the formal procedure for competitors seeking an official review of event results at the Squamish Days Logger Sports Festival. All protests must follow the timeline and administrative steps below to be evaluated by the Protest Committee.

2. Protest Submission Requirements

To lodge a formal result review, the protesting competitor must complete both of the following requirements **within 60 minutes of the event closing**:

1. **Deposit Security Fee:**
- **Amount:** $100.00 CAD
- **Method:** Interac e-Transfer to **challenge@squamishdays.ca**
- **Memo/Note:** Must include Protest Fee - [Competitor Name] - [Event Name]

2. **Submit Formal Written Complaint:**
- **Email:** Send to **show@squamishdays.ca**
- **Subject Line:** FORMAL PROTEST: [Event Name] - [Competitor Name]
- **Required Content:**
    - Full Name & Competitor Number
    - Specific Event & Heat in question
    - Specific grounds for review (clear explanation of the alleged scoring error, rule misapplication, or discrepancy)
    - Optional supporting documentation (e.g., photo or video evidence)

Note: A protest will not be logged or reviewed until both the $100 e-Transfer and the written email are received.

3. Sportsmanship & Volunteer Respect

The Squamish Days Logger Sports Festival is made possible by the dedicated efforts of our volunteers.

- **Mandatory Respect:** All competitors are expected to maintain professional and respectful behavior toward event volunteers, timers, judges, and administrative staff at all times.
- **Zero Tolerance:** Verbal abuse, harassment, intimidation, or aggressive behavior toward volunteers regarding a call or the review process **will result in immediate automatic denial of the protest**.
- **Consequences:** If a protest is denied due to disrespectful conduct, the review will not be heard, the decision will stand, and the **$100.00 CAD fee will be forfeited**. Further disciplinary action or event disqualification may also apply.

4. Review Process & Evidence Admissibility

A. Review Authority

All official protests will be formally reviewed and ruled upon by the **Protest Committee**.

B. Scope of Review

The Protest Committee will base its evaluation on official event records:

- **Timing Review Procedure:** Each competitor is assigned two official timers. Both recorded times will be re-examined to identify any significant inconsistencies between the two individual times, and to confirm that the mathematically averaged time was correctly calculated and entered into **Roster Athletics**.
- **Personal Video Evidence:**
    - **Timing Protests:** Personal video recordings (e.g., cell phone or personal camera footage from spectators, coaches, or competitors) will not be accepted or considered for timing disputes. Official timer records and the calculated average in Roster Athletics are final.
    - **Rule Violations / Disqualifications:** Personal video footage *may* be submitted for non-timing reviews (e.g., line-stepping). Admissibility remains at the sole discretion of the Protest Committee.
    - **Finishing Order & Ranking Protests:** Personal video footage *may* be evaluated to review a competitor's relative standing if it demonstrates that one competitor finished ahead of another but was awarded a lower placement.

Important Warning on Video Evidence: Competitors should be aware that single-angle or spectator video footage often creates optical illusions regarding depth and finish lines. Because video cameras rarely capture all necessary angles simultaneously, footage will only be used to overturn or modify an official ranking if it **unambiguously and conclusively** proves the

finishing order. If perspective or camera positioning leaves any room for reasonable doubt, the original judges' and timers' call will stand.

5. Outcomes & Refund Policy

- **Protest Upheld (In Favor of Competitor):**
  If the Protest Committee identifies a timing discrepancy, improper entry into Roster Athletics, or misapplication of competition rules, the official event results will be updated. The **$100.00 CAD protest fee will be fully refunded** to the competitor via e-Transfer. You will be made aware of the outcome.
- **Protest Denied (Original Decision Stands):**
  If the original result is confirmed or the protest is found to be groundless (or denied due to conduct violations), the decision is final. The **$100.00 CAD fee will be retained** by Squamish Days Logger Sports Association and will be distributed to the local non-profit groups and community organizations whose volunteers help put on the festival. You will be made aware of the outcome.