

**BY-LAW ARTICLE VII**  
**Protest Procedure for All Sports**

**Sect. 1:** The following is the procedure, which must be followed in protesting an athletic contest:

- A. Only protests involving violation of a specific rule will be considered. A team may not protest decisions of judgment.
- B. The protest must be made verbally by the coach of the protesting team at the time of the misinterpretation to the game officials and to the opposing coach.
- C. Upon completion of the contest the protesting team must notify the game officials to file a written statement of the incident with the Executive Director of the NHIAA within 24 hours.
- D. The principal of the protesting school must notify the Executive Director of the NHIAA within 24 hours of the incident.
- E. A request of written statements from schools involved in the protest must be signed by both the principal and coach. Copies of this correspondence must be sent to the principals of the schools involved.
- F. All contests are to be completed under any conditions of protest. A school that withdraws from the contest shall be considered forfeiting to the opponent and the protest will be disallowed.
- G. If a protest is upheld and the contest is directed replayed, it shall be replayed at the expense of the schools involved.
- H. Under no conditions will film and videotape be used by any NHIAA sports committee in situations involving protests of decisions made by game/meet officials pertaining to judgment calls.

**Sect. 2: Due Process Procedure**

- A. The decision from the Executive Director shall be made after consultation with the State Rules Interpreter for that sport and the National Federation Rules Interpreter for that sport.
- B. There is no appeal of the Executive Director's decision.
- C. During State Tournament play, there shall be no appeals of protest to the Executive Director. All protests must be resolved at the game site at the time of the protest.