



## Disputes & Protests Policy

1. All disputes must be in writing and completed on the official Mackay Touch Association Disputes & Protests Form (Schedule J) and must be lodged with Admin within 30 minutes following the completion of the match, or relevant incident if not directly related to a match. If a player/team/Club wishes to appeal a decision of a suspension of a player, the Disputes and Protests form must be submitted within 24 hours after Mackay Touch notifies the nominated player.
3. The Disputes & Protests Form must be accompanied by a protest fee of \$200.00 (which will only be refunded if the protest is upheld). Any such form must be signed and authorised by the relevant Captain/Coach/Manager, and/or in their absence, the Club delegate. **Protests against Refereeing decisions will not be accepted.**
3. As soon as practicable after receipt of the Form, the Mackay Touch Executives, will convene a judiciary of three (3) person to determine the relevant matter. The judiciary will be formed from members of the Organising Committee who are not involved in any way with the dispute.
4. A Notice of Judiciary Hearing will be served on all relevant parties to the dispute, to allow them to present any evidence in respect of the dispute or complaint.
5. If the incident is relevant to an occurrence during a match, a Referee / Official's report will be called for and entered as evidence of the occurrence(s) that resulted in the complaint / dispute. The Referee may also complete a further more detailed report if required.
6. At the conclusion of the judiciary hearing all relevant parties will be advised in writing on the committee's decision. This decision will be issued on a Notice of Finding (Schedule J).
7. The Notice of Finding will be issued to the Captain/Coach/Manager of the relevant teams involved, (or their appointed club delegate), and any such service is deemed to be served on all parties or persons under the control of that Captain/Coach/Manager or club.
8. The Mackay Touch Association Committee's decision on such protest or complaint shall be final.



# Disputes & Protests Form

I hereby lodge a protest following: (situation)

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**Made on:**

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**Grounds of Protest:**

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**Evidence to be called and/or submitted:**

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**Club:**

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**Team:**

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**Date:**

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**Signed:**

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**Position:**

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