



# OFFICIAL U.S.T.A. PROTEST FORM

**To file an official protest:** Read the following information, complete the back of this form, and submit as indicated with the proper protest fee.

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**PROTEST FEES:**        **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - \$100**  
                              **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - \$50**  
                              **INVATIONALS - A reasonable fee set by the Meet Director**

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**A Protest Committee must be designated at all competitions.**

**A. For a protest with a panel of 4 or more judges, composition will consist of:**

- 1 The Meet Director
- 1 A member of the Technical Committee\* (if none present, a member of the Board of Directors {if none present, the Meet Director will select an unbiased coach})
- 1 The Superior Judge (who will serve as the president of the Protest Committee)
- 2 Two judges of the appropriate event appointed by the Meet Director (Note: one of the two judges must be a
- 5 difficulty judge)

**B. For a protest with a panel of 3 or fewer judges, composition will consist of:**

- 1 The Meet Director
- 1 A member of the Technical Committee\* (if none present, a member of the Board of Directors {if none present, the Meet Director will select an unbiased coach})
- 1 The Superior Judge (who will serve as the president of the Protest Committee)
- 1 An Aesthetic Judge of the appropriate event
- 1 An Aesthetic Judge certified in that event
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**NOTE:** If a member of the Technical Committee is also a judge on the panel involved in the protest, that judge may not serve as a member of the Protest Committee as the Technical Board Representative.

**NOTE:** In the event the protest concerns a competitor or child of any of the above members, a substitute will be selected by an Executive Board Member. A protest can only be made at levels of competition that have difficulty points and/or "black and white" situations (i.e., number of skills, positions, etc.).

**A WRITTEN PROTEST, WITH PROTEST FEE MUST BE HANDED TO THE MEET DIRECTOR WITHIN FIVE (5) MINUTES OF THE END OF THAT FLIGHT'S COMPETITION. PROTESTS MUST BE DEALT WITH BY THE COMMITTEE PRIOR TO THE START OF THE NEXT ROUND AND THEIR DECISION ANNOUNCED IMMEDIATELY.**

**PROCEDURES FOR REVIEWING A VIDEO RECORDED PASS UNDER PROTEST**

**THE MEET DIRECTOR WILL INFORM THE RESPECTIVE JUDGING PANEL THAT A PROTEST HAS BEEN FILED, GATHER THE APPROPRIATE PROTEST COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND PREPARE THE VIDEO FOR VIEWING BY THE COMMITTEE.**

✧ **DURING THIS TIME, THERE IS TO BE *NO DISCUSSION* AMONGST THE COMMITTEE REGARDING THE PASS OR RULES IN QUESTIONS. THIS ELIMINATES ANY PRE-DETERMINED CONCEPTIONS OF THE PASS AND ANY BIAS OR PERSUASION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO VOTE ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.**

**ONCE THE COMMITTEE IS CONVENED AND THE VIDEO IS SET FOR REVIEW, THE MEET DIRECTOR WILL READ ONLY THE GENERAL FACTS RELATED TO THE PROTEST AND INDICATE THE SPECIFIC SKILL (I.E. – THE SECOND SKILL, THE LAST SKILL, ETC.) OR MOVEMENT IN QUESTION (I.E. – LANDING).**

✧ **AT THIS TIME, THE COMMITTEE MAY ALSO ASK THE MEET DIRECTOR AND/OR SUPERIOR JUDGE TO REVIEW ANY RULES RELATED TO THE PROTEST. (I.E. – “A \_\_\_\_ POSITION IS DETERMINED BY \_\_\_\_ DEGREE ANGLE BETWEEN...” OR “A PASS IS INITIATED WHEN...”)**

A video other than the meet director's designated video can be used if the meet director's designated video does not record the pass. In this situation only, the meet director has the option to review the first video tape available to use by the Protest Committee. If no video is available, the judges' decision stands and the protest fee will be kept.

Video may be viewed in slow motion.

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NAME OF COMPETITION: _____	
AGE: _____	NUMBER: _____ EVENT: ___ TU ___ TR ___ DM LEVEL: _____
PROTEST SUBMITTED BY: _____ DATE: _____	
FEE PAID: _____	
EXPLANATION OF PROTEST: _____	
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SUPERIOR JUDGE: _____	
MEET DIRECTOR: _____	

**PROTEST COMMITTEE DECISION:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agree with Judge's Original Decision | No. Agreed _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reverse Judge's Original Decision    | No. Agreed _____ |

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Signature of Superior Judge*

*Date*