

MARFU Protest and Appeals Policy

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Members, individuals and clubs aggrieved by a decision, determination, or ruling by a MARFU competition committee or concerning any MARFU policy regarding matches, alignment of teams or other administrative matters that do not otherwise fall within the jurisdiction of MARFU's disciplinary committee shall have the right to file a protest of the decision, determination or ruling involved as provided herein.

1. A protest must be made in writing within 10 days of the date of the notification of the decision, determination or ruling to the President of MARFU.
2. A protest shall contain a factual summary of the basis for the protest, a copy of the rules, regulations and/or policies pertinent to the protest, a description of any and all evidence relevant to the protest and a description of the relief requested by the individual or club making the protest.
3. Protests of decisions, determinations and ruling of any competitions committee shall be referred to the chairperson of the competition committee for the purpose of a formal written ruling to be made by said competition committee.
 - a. The committee chairperson shall have sole discretion to decide whether a hearing will be held to collect evidence relevant to the protest. The committee chair or his designee shall preside over any hearing.
 - b. The committee shall have 10 days from the date of the receipt of the protest from the President or of the hearing, whichever is later, to render a written decision. However, a committee's failure to issue a written decision within 10 days shall not be construed as grounds for granting the relief requested by the protest.
 - c. The individual or club who filed the protest shall have the right to file an appeal within 10 days of the date of the written ruling made by the competition committee to the MARFU Executive Committee.
4. Protests of decisions, determinations and ruling not otherwise made by a particular competitions committee and appeals of rulings made by a competitions committee shall be referred to the MARFU Executive Committee for the purpose of a formal written ruling to be made by the Executive Committee.
 - a. The President shall have sole discretion to decide whether a hearing will be held to collect evidence relevant to the protest. The President or his designee shall preside over any hearing.

- b. The Executive Committee shall have 10 days from the date of the receipt of the protest from the President or of the hearing, whichever is later, to render a written decision. However, the Executive Committee's failure to issue a written decision within 10 days shall not be construed as grounds for granting the relief requested by the protest.
 - c. The individual or club who filed the protest shall have the right to file an appeal of the Executive Committee's ruling within 10 days of the date of the written ruling to the MARFU Board of Directors.
- 5. An appeal of an Executive Committee ruling must be received by the President within 10 days of the date of the ruling appealed from. An appeal shall contain a copy of the written ruling appealed from, a factual summary of the basis for the appeal, a copy of the rules, regulations and/or policies pertinent to the appeal, a description of any and all evidence relevant to the appeal and a description of the relief requested by the individual or club making the appeal.
 - a. The party filing an appeal of an Executive Committee ruling shall not have the right to an evidentiary hearing, however, one may be granted at the discretion of the President.
 - b. The Board of Directors shall have 10 days from the date of the receipt of the appeal from the President to render a written decision. However, the Board of Director's failure to issue a written decision within 10 days shall not be construed as grounds for granting the relief requested by the protest.