

an NIOA affiliated club. The Jury members shall not be members of the organising club.

- R14.4 One of the Jury members shall chair the Jury.
- R14.5 The Organiser and Controller of the event may attend any Jury meeting but they may not vote.
- R14.6 The Organiser shall appoint and announce the Jury for C1 and C2 level competitions at least 7 days before the event. In the event of a Jury member being conflicted as a result of a protest, an alternate Jury member may be appointed after the protest has been made.
- R14.7 For C3 level (league) competitions, a Jury need only be appointed if and when a protest is made. It should be appointed by the competition Organiser and consist of three Certified Event Controllers, at least two of whom should not be members of the organising club.
- R14.8 For C4 (club) events no Jury need be appointed. Any protest shall be resolved by an IOA Certified Event Controller from the organising club but who is not directly involved in the organisation of the event.
- R14.9 The Jury shall meet as soon as possible after the receipt of the protest. The Jury Chairperson shall notify the Organiser of their findings within 7 days of receiving the protest.
- R14.10 Where the protest is upheld by the Jury, or by the appointed Controller in the case of C4 club events, the Organiser shall act in accordance with the Jury's decision e.g. to reinstate a competitor disqualified by the Organiser, to disqualify a competitor, to void the results in a class, or to approve results previously declared invalid by the Organiser. The Organiser shall notify the complainant of the decision. Other competitors who may be affected by the decision should be advised by way of a notice at the event and/or on the event website.

## **RULE 15. APPEALS**

- R15.1 An appeal can be made against the Jury's decision with regard to a protest.
- R15.2 An appeal shall be made within 7 days of the decision of the Jury being announced or communicated to the person making the protest.
- R15.3 For C1, C2, and C3 level events, an appeal shall be made to the IOA Executive Committee.

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R15.5 The appeal shall be heard and decided by the appeal body at the earliest opportunity. If the appeal is upheld, the Organiser shall take the appropriate remedial action.

R15.6 The decision of the appeal body shall be final.

R15.7 No fee shall be charged for making an appeal.