RULE 14 – THE JURY

R14.1 A Jury consisting of three voting members shall be appointed to rule on protests.

R14.2 The Jury for a C1 (international) competition shall be appointed in accordance with the IOF Rules.

R14.3 The Jury for a C2 level (championship) competitions shall be appointed by the competition Organiser. The Jury shall consist of three OI Certified Event Controllers, or BOF Grade A or B registered Controllers who are members of 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 OI 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.