



## Engine Protest Policy

NCQMA does not acknowledge any engine claim rule, and therefore, does not allow any engines to be claimed by another party.

Per USAC Rulebook Appendix I: Section 731, competitors in the same division and A Main event may protest an engine from within the same division of class only (i.e., Jr., Sr., Hvy. & Lt. Honda 120 or 160, Animal, or World Formula.) There will be no protests for Rookie classes. Handlers may not protest more than one car per event and may not protest the same driver more than once per calendar year.

Honda, Animal, & World Formula engines may be protested for \$400 cash plus any applicable shipping and handling charges. No protested related inspection will begin prior to funds being posted with the proper official.

This protest form and cash must be submitted to the Chief Steward, or his/her designee before the end of the race that the protested engine is participating in (i.e., before the checkered flag lap is complete.)

The person protesting the engine must have his/her engine inspected for compliance first. If the protestor's engine is found illegal, the protest is null and void. In addition, the illegal protestor's engine will be completely torn down to check for additional illegalities. The Tech Director must confiscate all illegal parts and related parts from the protestor's engine and shall immediately forward them to the USAC Headquarters. The protest money will go to the club.

The Chief Steward or his/her designee will hold the protest money until the protested engine has been inspected. The protested engine shall be tagged/marked and sealed as soon as the car comes across the scale if it had not been sealed prior to the race. The protested engine and the engine of the person submitting the protest shall immediately be taken to impound or present to the Tech Director for inspection. The engines must remain in impound and in the possession of the tech officials throughout the entire process, including shipping to USAC Headquarters or designated tech inspection station and during the transfer of funds. Both the protestor and protestee have the option to be present at the time of the tech inspection.

Any protest that is withdrawn will be assessed a \$50 fee that will be paid to the club.

If the protested engine is found to be illegal, the engine must be completely torn down to check for additional illegalities. The Tech Director must confiscate all illegal parts and related parts from the protested engine and shall immediately forward them to the USAC Headquarters. If the protested engine is found illegal, the protest money minus \$50, plus any shipping costs will be returned to the handler filing the protest.

If both engines are found illegal, all monies (\$400) will go to the Club.

Refusal of protest, destroying or withholding parts or any other lack of cooperation in the protest or inspection process shall be interpreted as an admission that the engine is illegal and shall subject the driver and handler to the conditions set forth in the Suspension Program.

If the protested engine is deemed legal, \$400 will be given to the person whose engine was protested.

The cost to appeal a suspension is \$175 plus any associated fees. The appeal must be made with three (3) days of the ruling.



## Engine Protest Form

### Section I: To Be Completed by Handler Submitting Protest

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_ A Main Event # : \_\_\_\_\_

Protested Handler: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver: \_\_\_\_\_

Handler Protesting Engine: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge that by submitting this Engine Protest Form with \$400 cash, I am voluntarily surrendering my engine for inspection and agreeing to pay any applicable shipping and handling charges. I understand that if my engine is deemed illegal, it is subject to applicable penalties and this protest is null and void with the protest fee going to the club. I also acknowledge that if the protested engine is deemed legal, the \$400 protest fee will be given to the protested handler.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Handler Submitting Protest

### Section II: To Be Completed by NCQMA Official

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Signature of NCQMA Official Accepting Protest and \$400 Cash

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Title