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# COMMUNICATION



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## PROTESTS REGARDING MATCHES

With the season now underway, there has been the inevitable number of complaints or protests by team officials regarding games. Many of these are emailed directly to the Association Office – often bypassing the Club with which the team is registered.

Below is the process for lodging a protest regarding a match.

1. Any Club may protest in writing to the Association Board on any grounds relating to, or arising out of, competition matches conducted by the Association.
2. Any such protest must be lodged by 5:00 pm on Monday immediately following the match or incident to which it relates and must be accompanied by the appropriate fee – set yearly by the Board. In the event that the protest is upheld, the lodgement fee will be refunded to the applicant Club, and a fee identical to the appeal fee will be paid by the losing Club or team if the losing Club or team is found to be at fault.
3. Any expenses incurred in hearing the protest shall be apportioned as the Board sees fit.
4. Management shall send a copy of the protest and all relevant details to the Club against which the protest has been lodged at least 72 hours before the scheduled time of the hearing.
5. Notwithstanding anything else in these Rules or the Association Constitution, no protest may be lodged in relation to the Laws of the Game or their interpretation by the referee or assistant referee. The foregoing restriction shall apply equally to games where an unofficial referee or assistant referee controls the game.

The protest fee is \$302.50. The payment was established at the time of the implementation of the GST.

## ADDITIONAL POLICY MATTERS ABOUT COMPETITIONS

### a. Assault of Match officials.

The Board of the CDSFA enacted a policy in 2017 that in circumstances where a physical assault on a Match Official (Referee or Assistant Referee) occurs, it is mandatory to report/call the police. Assaults on Match Officials are a form of criminal behaviour and need to be dealt with by the law and the disciplinary processes within football. This is covered in the Participation Agreement of each Club and incorporated in the Rules of Association. See Rule 7.5.2.

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## b. Risk Management

Each Club must have a basic medical kit available at the point of the ground control or the canteen for use in case of emergency. Additionally, the availability of an Automatic Defibrillator is to be available at the venue with the appropriate signage.

## c. Persons allowed inside the roped/fenced area

Only registered coaches and managers, together with the substitute players, dressed to play in the match in progress are permitted within the technical area. The number of registered team officials allowed in the technical area for a team is two. The team officials must wear the designated yellow Hi-Visibility Vest while in the technical area and displayed their Team Official ID card. Players who may be part of a squad and are not participating in the fixture will not be inside the roped area or occupy a technical area space.

**THE ASSISTANCE OF CLUBS COMPLYING WITH THE MATTERS ABOVE WILL ASSIST IN THE SMOOTH OPERATION OF MATCHDAY PROCEDURES.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Thomas'.

**Trent Thomas**  
Manager Football Operations