



Appeals, Protests and Procedures for Disqualification

Appeals – Protests – USBC Rule 329

Rule 329 requires written protests or appeals affecting eligibility or playing rules in USBC tournaments be filed with tournament management, the local association, or to USBC Headquarters.

Adult Protests must be filed in writing within 72 hours of the infraction; OR before tournament prizes are paid, whichever occurs first.

Adult Appeals of tournament management's decision must be filed in writing within ten (10) days of the date of the decision letter to the local association or USBC.

Youth Protests must be filed in writing with 72 hours of the infraction.

Youth Appeals of tournament management's decision must be filed in writing within 72 hours to the local association or USBC.

Any appeal to the decision of the local association must be sent to USBC within 72 hours of notice of the decision, briefly stating the grounds for the appeal and shall be signed by the individual(s) submitting it.

Procedures for Disqualification

When violation occurs that requires disqualification of an individual or team, the following procedure should be followed:

- The individual(s) and/or team captain should be notified in writing of the disqualification.
- The letter should state the reason(s) for disqualification.
- The letter should inform the individual that they have the right to appeal in writing to USBC Headquarters, Attention: Rules within 10 days.

Note: Upon notification of a protest or appeal, tournament management must withhold all affected tournament prizes or awards until a final decision is made.

If you have any questions concerning disqualifications, protests or appeals, contact the Rules Department at USBC at (800) 514-BOWL, ext. 3155 before rendering a decision and/or distributing the tournament prizes.

Sample letters for disqualifications can be found on the Rules page of BOWL.com.