

APPENDIX H. “ON THE SPOT” PROTEST RESOLUTION PROCEDURE

REFEREE DELEGATE AUTHORITY

The referee delegate has the authority to resolve problems and make determinations on formal protests occurring during the match in accordance with the FIVB Official Volleyball Rules and as guided by the Victorian Volleyball League By-Laws.

PROPER GROUNDS TO PROTEST

A formal protest may only be lodged by the game captain of the team who believes that the match official or officials have made an error under the FIVB Official Volleyball Rules as guided by the Victorian Volleyball League By-Laws and that this error will affect the outcome of the match. The game captain must have a proper case to successfully have the protest accepted. Such proper cases are:

- a) An improper decision by a match official who did not apply a rule correctly; or
- b) A match official who did not assume the consequences of their decisions; or
- c) An improper decision of the scorer who has made a mistake on the rotational order or on the score.

IMPROPER GROUNDS TO PROTEST

Should the game captain have an improper case to protest a referee’s decision, that protest would be rejected. Such improper grounds to process would be a protest about a match official's decision which:

- a) Sanctions a player's playing action
- b) Sanctions a player's misconduct

PROTEST PROCESS

The protest process will be as follows:

- a) The game captain must immediately inform the 1st referee whilst the ball is out of play.
- b) The 1st referee requests the 2nd referee to get the Referee Delegate
- c) The referee delegate will arrive and speak to the game captain who requested the protest at the scorer's table. The referee delegate must determine if the grounds for protest are proper or improper and then decide to either accept or reject the protest.
- d) If the protest is accepted by the Referee Delegate then the 1st referee will come down off the referee stand and approach the scorer's table to discuss the protest with the 2nd referee and the other affected match officials.

- e) If the accepted protest is upheld, both teams must be informed, the error is corrected, the protest is recorded in the comments section of the scoresheet and the match then resumes.
- f) If the accepted protest is overturned, both teams must be informed, the protest is recorded in the comments section of the scoresheet and the match then resumes.
- g) If the protest is rejected the game captain shall be sanctioned with a penalty (red card), the protest recorded in the comments section of the scoresheet and the match then resumes. If the game captain during the match has already been given a misconduct sanction, then he/she shall receive the next sanction level in accordance with the FIVB Official Volleyball Rules sanction scale.

If the referee delegate determines a protest requires further action, he/she must complete a written report and submit to VV. VV will then assess and determine if further action is necessary.