

Lake District Mountain Trial Complaint/Protest Procedure

If a competitor feels that there is an error which affects the results, he/she should complain to the organiser and request that the error be corrected.

The organiser should seriously consider the complaint in consultation with the controller.

If the organiser agrees that an error has been made, then the results should be corrected.

If, after consideration, the organiser feels that there is no error then the competitor should be informed with the reasons for the rejection of the complaint. The competitor must also be informed of their right to submit a protest if they still feel that the results are in error.

Protest Procedure

1. The competitor must write down (on a form provided by the organiser) the complaint with as much detail as possible.
2. The organiser must write down the reasons for the rejection of the complaint.
3. If a protest is submitted, a jury of 3 independent experienced people should be assembled by the organiser as soon as possible. They can be competitors or spectators. They could also be officials not associated with the problem. The complaining competitor should be consulted about the composition of the jury and may reject a maximum of two people, in which case the organiser must find replacements.
4. The jury should appoint a chair from amongst them.
5. The jury should consider the complaint and the organiser's reasons for rejection. They can request further evidence from any relevant people.
6. The guiding principle for the jury should be good sportsmanship and fair play.
7. The jury should reach a decision (if necessary by a majority vote) and write their decision with reasons on the form.
8. The decision of the jury is final.

PROTEST FORM

Complaint:

Date: Time:

Name of complainant:

Details of complaint:

Organiser's Reasons for Rejection of Complaint:

Date: Time:

Name of Organiser:

Reasons:

Jury Decision:

Date: Time:

Names of jury members:

PROTEST ACCEPTED / REJECTED (delete one)

Reasons: