

Rule 163 (2) – The Race

If an athlete is jostled or obstructed during an event so as to impede his progress, then:

- (a) If the jostling or obstruction is considered **unintentional** or is caused otherwise than by an athlete, the Referee may, if he is of the opinion that an athlete (or his team) was seriously affected, order that the race be re-held or allow the affected athlete (or team) to compete in a subsequent round of the event;
- (b) If another athlete is found by the Referee to be responsible for the jostling or obstruction, such athlete (or his team) shall be liable to DQ from that event. The Referee may, if he is of the opinion that an athlete (or his team) was seriously affected, order that the race be re-held excluding any DQ'd athlete or team or allow the affected athlete (or team) to compete in a subsequent round of the event;

What is the Appeal process available at the meeting?

Rule 146 – Protests & Appeals (UKA Rule – blue section in Rule Book)

For meetings where there is no Jury of Appeal and/or Technical Information Centre the following provisions shall apply

(1) Qualification to Compete

1.4 In the event that the protestor has not accepted the decision reached after investigation they (or an authorised official) shall take action by objecting directly to the National Association in writing within one week of the decision.

1.4.1 In the event of an Appeal against a decision by a National Association **solely with regard to registration**, the NA will set up an Independent Panel to determine the Appeal. Such determination should be made within one week of receipt of the Appeal.

(2) Technical Rules, Conduct or Placing

2.1 Any protest or objection by a competitor or team against the conduct or placing of another competitor or teams in any competition, **or relating to any matter which may develop during the event**, shall be made to the appropriate Referee immediately after that event or competition, or immediately after the results are published.

2.2 Every protest or objection lodged under 2.1 may be made verbally by the individual competitor or by a member of the protesting club.

2.3 The **Referee** shall decide any protest or objection made under 2.1 having reviewed all the relevant information, on the ground, or after investigation. **The Referee's decision shall be final.**

(3) Misconduct relating to competition

In the event of a matter of **misconduct** being reported to a NA in accordance with Rule 145 the NA shall form an Investigatory Panel to review the matter and determine what penalties are enforced in accordance with Rule 145. They must have completed their investigation within a month of its referral to them.

(4) Further Appeal to UKA in relation to competition matters

Any competitor, team or Club may appeal against the decision of a NA. Notice of Appeal must be sent to UKA within 14 days of receipt of such decision and must be accompanied by a deposit of £50, which will be refundable at the discretion of UKA. The Appeal will be determined in accordance with the procedures established by UKA.

Without prejudice to the foregoing, where any competitor, team or club wishes to appeal any decision reached **under (1) and (3) above** it may seek resolution in accordance with the Appeal Procedure established by UKA.

Referee's Decision is Final

Rule 145 – UKA Supplement (Misconduct)

(2) Any competitor (or other person) interfering or attempting to interfere with the decision of an event official, or indulging in unfair practices or misbehaviour, including the use of offensive or abusive language shall, at the discretion of the Referee, be DQ'd from the competition and, if deemed necessary, reported to the National Association for further action. Performances achieved in the competition from which they were disqualified shall not stand.

NOTE: The use of offensive language audible to others should normally attract a warning from the Referee, but, if targeted at an official, should immediately attract a disqualification.

(3) Athletes, or officials who breach the Rules of Competition or conduct themselves in a manner which may bring discredit to the sport of athletics may be reported to the appropriate NA to take such action as it deems necessary.