

## Withdrawals and Protests Policy

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### Purpose

This policy covers Swimming Counties Manukau's policy on withdrawals and protests at all Swimming Counties Manukau Events.

### Policy

#### Withdrawals

For competitions with timed-finals, withdrawals for a competitor or team not wishing to take part must be advised, at the latest, 1 hour prior to the start of the first session or by the end of the session preceding the start of the timed-final event.

Any competitor or team who withdraws from their respective event after this time or does not 'show' for their scheduled event shall pay without excuse to Swimming Counties Manukau a fee of \$30.00 (NZD).

In any competitions where a competitor or team not wishing to take part in a semi-final or final in which qualification was earned shall withdraw within 30 minutes following the official results being published from the heats or the semi-finals of the event in which qualification took place.

Any competitor or team who withdraws from semi-finals and finals after this time or does not 'show' for their scheduled event shall pay without excuse to Swimming Counties Manukau a fee of \$50.00 (NZD).

After the event is complete, Swimming Counties Manukau will invoice the member's club for payment, this payment must be made before the club is able to swim at the next Swimming Counties Manukau Event.

#### Protests

Protests are possible:

1. If the rules and regulations for the conduct of the competition are not observed; or
2. If other conditions endanger the competition and/or competitors, or
3. Against decisions of the referee; however, no protest shall be allowed against decision of fact.

Protests must be submitted:

1. In writing to the referee by the authorised Team Manager only.
2. With the fee of \$100 cash (NZD).
3. Within 30 minutes following the conclusion of the respective event.

If conditions causing a potential protest are noted prior to the event, a protest must be lodged before the signal to start is given.

All protests shall be considered by the referee. If the referee rejects the protest, they must state the reason for their decisions. The Team Manager may appeal the rejection to the Jury of Appeal whose decision shall be final.

If the protest is rejected, the fee will be forfeited to Swimming Counties Manukau.

If the protest is upheld the fee will be returned.

## **Jury of Appeal**

### Appointment

When required, a Jury of Appeal shall be appointed by the Technical Director of the meet.

The Jury shall consist of the Technical Director and two (2) other suitably qualified persons – these cannot be a member of the club(s) involved on the appeal.

### Process

The Jury shall have the power to hear and adjudicate on appeals.

Decisions by the Jury shall be **Final**.

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**Chair**  
**By Order of the Board of Swimming Counties Manukau**  
*Signed 1 December 2020*