

G09 - PROTESTS G09.01 - General

All protests, including those relating to show organisational matters (eg. show equipment, ring size, actions by show officials etc.), shall be handled according to the following:

(a) Any protest must be made in writing to the Show Manager no later than one hour after the alleged incident. The protest shall be accompanied by a \$50.00 fee in cash, which shall be returned to the protestor in the event the protest is sustained. If the protest is not sustained the fee shall be forfeited.

(b) Any protests shall be adjudicated by a protest committee of three show officials not involved in the incident/dispute. The Protest Committee shall be named on the Catalogue and posted on the day(s) of the show.

(c) The show protest committee shall meet promptly and adjudicate the issue, make effective its decision upon the parties in interest and report its determination to all parties. A show protest committee may disqualify a competitor and or his/her entries for the duration of the show.

G09.02 - Protests Concerning Heights

(a) When a protest is lodged involving a horse's height the horse must remain under supervision of a show official until such time as the horse can be measured. Measurement of protested horse must take place within 15 minutes of protest and the horse must not have its hooves trimmed. A horse being protested on height can only be protested within 30 minutes of its first class.

(b) The animal shall be re-measured by a designated measurer for the New Zealand Miniature Horse Association. Such designated measurer shall not be either the measurer or witness on the height certificate the horse is being shown on.

(c) All measurements must take place in the direct view of the owner/trainer of the protested animal and the individual who filed the protest. It is recommended that the measuring in relation to protests for height be videoed

(d) Three measurements shall be taken, then added together, then divided by three. The result shall be deemed to be the height of the horse.

(e) Any animal submitted for an official measurement must not show signs of lameness. If lameness is present New Zealand Miniature Horse Association (Inc) 12 of 34 this shall result in disqualification of the animal for the remainder of the show.