

# How to Make an Inquiry or Protest - Tetrathlon Rally

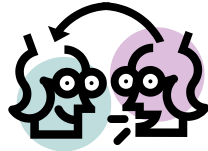
## Step 1



Team Captain



30 MINUTES



VERBAL



INQUIRY

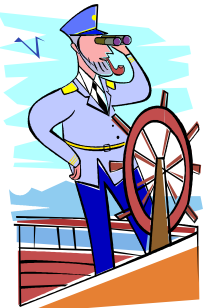


Phase Steward



Not Satisfied?? Then...

## Step 2



Team Captain



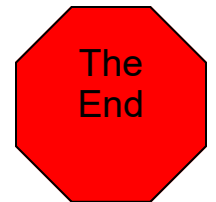
1 HOUR



WRITTEN PROTEST



Ground Jury



Decision is Final!

## Notes on Inquiries/Protest: Tetrathlon

Very Important Timing !!!!

\* **Protests about jumps, length or plan of the course, must be made BEFORE the jumping phase begins.**

\* Protests about incidents while riding the course or scoring must be within 30 minutes of posting the scores.

Why make an Inquiry or Protest??

**Inquiry:** You are making an inquiry because you are *inquiring* about the score you received. For example, you have noticed a mathematical error, or you had a rail down and received 5 points rather than 4. In this case, you are asking (inquiring) the judges to take a second look and/or explain the score. Inquiries are usually done verbally, and you will receive your answer verbally as well.

**Protest:** A **protest** always comes **AFTER** an **inquiry**. A protest is the way you indicate you are not satisfied with the response you received from your inquiry. Protests must be done in writing and it is best if you make reference to a specific rule in the rulebook. If you were not satisfied with the response from your inquiry on the number of points received for a rail down, you would list the page number of the Show Jumping penalties. A protest (or inquiry) is NOT "*the judge doesn't like me*"; a protest or inquiry must be provable from the rulebook or other pony club reference.

- 1) Inquiries and protests must be made politely. Abuse of the procedures or rude behavior can be penalized up to and including elimination.
- 2) No "Protest" may be made without first making an "Inquiry".
- 3) In team competitions, only the Team Captain may make the inquiry or protest. However, the rider involved may accompany the captain.
- 4) In individual competitions, only the competitor involved may make an inquiry or protest.
- 5) Inquiries and protests can only be made about your OWN TEAM or OWN RIDERS. Inquiries/protests against another team or rider is considered poor sportsmanship and will not be allowed under any circumstances.
- 6) The decision of the Ground Jury is final.
- 7) The 30 minute time limit in Step 1 refers to 30 minutes after the test scores have been posted.
- 8) The 1 hour in Step 2 refers to 1 hour after receiving a response to your inquiry from the Phase Steward.
- 9) The steps for Inquiry/Protest on the Horse Management scores is a little different. Please refer to the HM Rulebook.