

Procedure for Handling Tournament Disqualification Appeals For the Fresno Bass Club

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The Tournament Director (TD) is the person responsible for the overall running of the tournament. It's his job to make a determination if an infraction takes place that warrants an angler being DG'ed for the day, or possibly during a 2-day event, from the tournament. The Tournament Rules guides the TD in making the decision to DQ a participant. This procedure is intended to outline how to handle appeals.

In any case, it's important that the DQ'ed angler's fish be weighed-in in regular order! If the DQ'ed angler appeals the DQ, it is necessary that their fish's weight be recorded so as to provide a remedy should the appeal be upheld.

DQ's can happen in two basic ways.

First, if an angler is observed by the TD to break a rule that warrants DQ, or if the angler reports that he's broken such a rule, the TD will make that determination. If the TD issues a DQ, the affected angler has 30 minutes from notification to file a written appeal with any Board Member, and all available Board Members will meet (as soon as possible, but within 30 minutes,) to hear and rule on the appeal.

Second, by rule, a written protest, or complaint, can be filed with any Board Member against another angler up to 30 minutes after the scales close. If the assembled Board Members determine a DQ is in order, they will inform the angler involved and he will then have 30 minutes to file a written appeal to any Board Member and all available Board Members will then hear the appeal as soon as possible, but again within 30 minutes of the appeal being filed.

It is the responsibility of the President and Tournament Director to ensure that this procedure take place fairly to all involved and as quickly as possible.