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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 General

- A. These procedures SHALL be used in the event that the applicant feels the need to protest or appeal against a decision made at a WHF Event
- B. There are three procedures contained in this document:
 - a) A procedure to be used when an appeal is required against the construction regulations.
 - b) A procedure to be used when a protest is required against the competition regulations, decisions, penalties, or complaints against other drivers.
 - c) A procedure to be used when a protest is required against an engine capacity.

1.2 Definitions

- A. Applicant
 - a) The Applicant is the owner and/or driver making the appeal.
- B. Host Nation
 - a) The Nation Hosting the WHF Event.
- C. Chief Scrutineer
 - a) The Chief Scrutineer is appointed by the Host Nation to administer and bear the responsibility for Technical matters relating to Hovercraft during the event.
 - b) The Host Nation SHALL keep records of who they have nominated as the Chief Scrutineer. The WHF MAY request these records from the Host Nation.
 - c) The Host Nation SHALL keep records of the qualifications and/or experience of the person nominated as Chief Scrutineer. The WHF MAY request these records from the National Authority.
- D. Scrutineer
 - a) A Scrutineer is defined as a Technical Representative and must be recognised as such by the Host Nation.
 - b) The Host Nation SHALL keep records of who they have nominated as Scrutineers. The WHF MAY request these records from the Host Nation.
 - c) The Host Nation SHALL keep records of the qualifications and/or experience of persons nominated as Scrutineers. The WHF MAY request these records from the Host Nation.

1.3 Reference Publications

Ref No.	Title	Issuing Organisation
WHF001	Hovercraft Racing Competition Regulations.	World Hovercraft Federation
WHF002	Construction Regulations for Racing Hovercraft	World Hovercraft Federation
WHF004	Speed Run Regulations	World Hovercraft Federation
WHF016	Endurance Racing Regulations	World Hovercraft Federation

Table 1-1:- Reference Publications

2. PROTEST FEES

2.1 General

- A. All Appeal / Protest fees are given in Euros.
- B. The fee must be paid in cash in either Euros, or the equivalent amount in local currency.
- C. The exchange rate for local currency will be set as the rate on the registration day of the WHF event. The equivalent fee will be rounded up to the nearest 10.
- D. In all cases, the Protest Fee shall be the limit of liability of costs to the Protester.

2.2 Fees

- A. The Protest Fee for appeals against construction regulations is €50.
- B. The Protest Fee for appeals against engine capacity has two tiers:
 - a) For 2 Stroke Engines, the fee is €100.
 - b) For 4 Stroke Engines, the fee is €200.
- C. The Protest Fee for appeals against competition regulations or decisions is €50

3. APPEAL PROCEDURE AGAINST CONSTRUCTION REGULATIONS

3.1 Preliminary Appeal

- A. If an applicant disagrees with the ruling of a Scrutineer, he/she SHOULD, raise his/her case with the Chief Scrutineer at the meeting to adjudicate.
- B. There is no appeal fee for this level.

3.2 Secondary Appeal

- A. In the case of an operator disagreeing with the ruling of the Chief Scrutineer of the meeting, he or she may appeal as follows:
 - a) The Applicant must complete the Protest Form (Attached as Appendix A)
 - b) Submit the completed form to the Chief Scrutineer of the meeting and a copy to the WHF Secretary within one week of the incident.
 - c) Lodge an appeal fee (as defined in fees list) with the Chief Scrutineer.
- B. The appeal will be considered by a Scrutineering Committee of the WHF at its next scheduled meeting, or one specially convened. Both complainant and Scrutineer will be expected to be available for this meeting. The Committee will judge the case, taking whatever additional technical or legal advice is considered necessary.
- C. A final appeal can be made to the Governing Board of the WHF whose decision will be final.
- D. In the case that legal or other professional advice need be taken, the cost of such consultancy will be paid by the complainant, whatever the outcome of the dispute.
- E. The protest fee will be returned to the applicant if the protest is upheld.

4. APPEAL PROCEDURE AGAINST COMPETITION REGULATIONS, DECISIONS, OR PROTESTS AGAINST OTHER COMPETITORS.

4.1 Preliminary Procedure

- A. In the case of a driver wishing to protest against meeting procedures, noise levels or imposed penalties, or other competitors, he/she should appeal as follows:
 - a) The Applicant must complete the Protest Form (Attached as Appendix A)
 - b) Submit the completed form to the Race Director, and:
 - c) Lodge an appeal fee (as defined in fees list) with the Race Director.
- B. The Protest must be lodged within 15 minutes (1 hour for results) of:
 - a) The notification of the penalty to the driver
 - b) The occurrence of the incident unless this is physically impossible.
- C. In the case of a dispute the Protester shall call upon a protest committee of three country representatives of the WHF, who are mutually acceptable to all parties.
- D. The protest committee will review the evidence from both parties, and make a judgement as to the outcome.
- E. The protest fee will be returned to the applicant if the protest is upheld.
- F. Racing will not be held up while protests are decided

4.2 Secondary Procedure

- A. Further protests can be made to the Governing Board of the WHF, whose decision shall be final. This will incur an additional protest fee.
- B. The applicant should advise the Race Director that he wishes to elevate his/her complaint to the WHF.
- C. Any appeal to the WHF Board will be held at the next full board meeting.

5. APPEAL PROCEDURE AGAINST ENGINE CAPACITY

5.1 Procedure

- A. In the case of a driver wishing to protest against the engine capacity of another competitor's engine, he/she may appeal as follows:
 - a) The Applicant must complete the Protest Form (Attached as Appendix A)
 - b) Submit the completed form to the Race Director.
 - c) Lodge an appeal fee (as defined in fees list) with the Race Director.
- B. The protest SHALL be made no later than 15 minutes following the last race in which the subject of the protest competed. The measurement shall not take place until all racing in the event has taken place.
- C. Protest Fee return
 - a) The protest fee is returnable to the applicant if the engine is found to be over limits.
 - b) If the engine is found to be within limits the protest fee will be used to pay certified invoices for spare parts only. If the fee is more than the invoices the remainder will go to WHF funds.
- D. The protest shall be overseen by an expert panel of three representatives from the WHF Scrutineering Committee or others who are acceptable to both parties.
- E. An area, roped off, shall be provided for the measurement of engine capacity.

5.2 Cylinder Capacity Measurement

- A. In the case of multi-cylinder engines, all cylinders will be checked, the total capacity being the sum of all cylinders.
- B. The tools used for checking the engine will be:
 - a) Depth gauge covering 0 - 100mm, graduates in 0.01mm steps
 - b) Diametric gauge covering 0 - 100mm, graduates in 0.01mm steps
- C. The stroke of the engine will be checked at the approximate centre of the piston. The diameter will be checked at a point 15mm below the position reached by the crown of the piston at top dead centre.
- D. The volume of each cylinder will be calculated as:
$$3.142 \times R \times R \times S$$
 where R = radius and S = stroke
- E. The expert panel will report their findings to the:
 - a) Parties involved
 - b) Race Director
 - c) WHF Secretary
 - d) National Organisation of both parties.
- F. If the Engine is found to be oversize the driver will forfeit all points gained at the meeting.
- G. The expert panel will make a report to the next meeting of the WHF Scrutineering Committee.

6. APPENDIX A:- OFFICIAL PROTEST FORM

WORLD HOVERCRAFT FEDERATION OFFICIAL PROTEST SUBMISSION FORM					
Applicant:				Signature:	
Date:		Time:		Venue:	
Protest Type:					TICK
3	Construction Regulations				
4	Competition Regulations or Decisions				
5	Engine Capacity Regulations				
Details of Protest:					
Engine Capacity Protest (Strike Through if not applicable)					
I wish to lodge a protest regarding the engine capacity of the following craft:					
Craft Racing Number				Craft Registration Number	
Driver					
PROTEST RECEIVED BY					
Name					
Fee Paid		Position		Time	
OUTCOME					
Upheld		Fee Refunded		Signed	