

Patriot League Tennis Protest Committee

PROCEDURES

In order for the Patriot League Tennis Protest Committee to consider a protest involving the line-up from a Patriot League match, the following procedure must be followed. *Please note that the Protest Committee will not review a protest unless all of the required criteria are met.*

The following individuals would serve on the Women's Tennis Protest Committee: the Sport Management Committee liaison, the women's tennis coaches chair and one at-large coach to be determined by a rotation.

The following individuals would serve on the Men's Tennis Protest Committee: the Sport Management Committee liaison, the men's tennis coaches chair and one at-large coach to be determined by a rotation.

1. If a Patriot League coach feels that the opponent's line-up as presented is unfair, he/she must notify the designated referee and opposing coach of the protest prior to the start of the match.
2. If a protest for a Patriot League match is unable to be resolved at the time of the match, the challenging coach must notify the opposing coach and match referee that a "Match Protest Form" will be submitted to the League office after the completion of the match.
3. The "Match Protest Form" must be signed by the referee of the match and the Athletic Director or designee and must be submitted to the Patriot League office within 48 hours of the start of the match.

Forms may be faxed to Joanna Kreps at (610)-289-1951

Note: Forms must be received within the designated 48-hour time period (the date and time indicated on the fax print out in the League office will be used to verify compliance). If a traveling team is unable to secure the signature of the Athletic Director or designee, the incomplete form may be submitted to the League office provided it is within the designated time period. However, a signature from the Athletic Director or designee must be received in the League office by noon on Monday in order to be processed. The League office will not be responsible for soliciting the appropriate signatures. Protests without the appropriate signatures will not be considered.

4. When the Patriot League office receives a "Match Protest Form," the office will ask the institution being challenged to submit in writing an appropriate response to the protest. When appropriate, the official will also be asked to provide further explanation in writing.
5. Once all of the necessary information has been collected, the Patriot League Tennis Protest Committee will convene via conference call to review and issue a ruling.
6. The Tennis Protest Committee may choose to process the violation as a Level I or Level II Violation.

Level I Violation – A blatant and intentional violation of ITA and/or Patriot League rules resulting in a reversal of the match results and a letter of notification to the institution.

Level II Violation – A violation of Patriot League Code of Conduct, ethical conduct, integrity and/or sportsmanship resulting in a letter of notification to the institution. Multiple Level II violations by the same individual and of a similar nature could result in the violation being processed as a Level I violation.

Patriot League Match Protest Form

Form must be faxed to the Patriot League office (fax: 610-289-1951) within 48-hours of the start of the match being protested. Protests not received within the designated time period and/or without the appropriate signatures will not be considered by the Patriot League Protest Committee.

Date of Match: _____

Match: _____ vs _____

Team Protesting: _____ Men _____ Women

Explanation of Protest:

Commonly used rules for protesting lineups:

- 3A. A player who has established a winning record at a team position in six team matches and whose ITA rankings and results show that he/she clearly is stronger than the players below him may not be moved down.

- 3C. Players of equal ability and equal record may alternate between two adjacent positions so long as the alternating is not done for the purpose of matching up.

- 3D. A player shall not be moved down in the line-up because of
 - i. An injury that has lasted less than three weeks;
 - ii. Disciplinary measures; or
 - iii. Challenge matches after six team matches have been played after January 1st of school year.

All of Section II. K of the ITA Rules should be read to clarify the above excerpts. It is the responsibility of the head coaches to know the ITA and NCAA Rules.

Protesting coach's name: _____ Signature: _____

Referee name: _____ Signature: _____

Athletic Director or Sport Management Committee Representative _____