

# Technical Official Forum 2023



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## Acknowledgement of Country

Swimming WA acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. We extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across our country.

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# Welcome

**Swimming WA Chief Executive Officer,**

**Sophie Row**

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## Guest Presenter

### Desiree Jones

- Federation of International Gymnastics (FIG)
- Judge Advanced Silver WAG (Women's Artistic Gymnastics) Coach
- Gymnastics Australia and WA Course Presenter
- Life Member of Gymnastics WA



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# Service Pin Presentation

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## Maricel van de Nadort



5 years of Service

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# Tony Ball



25 years of Service

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## Robyn Arblaster



30 years of Service

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# Protests Process and Timeline

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# Infractions

- When an infraction is reported to the Referee it is important for the Referee to question the reporting official to ensure the correct decision is made.
- For this reason reporting officials should not feel undermined when they are questioned remember the Referee must take full responsibility for the decision they make.

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# Decision Making

- The Referee should question thoroughly with 2-3 relevant questions.
- The decision must be made with confidence and in a timely manner if it takes too long and needs too many questions for a decision to be made there must be uncertainty/doubt with the report.

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# Queries

The Infraction Report must be announced in a timely manner after acceptance and the time it is announced must be noted on the card along with signing by the Announcer. A Coach, Team Manager or responsible person is entitled to query the disqualification with the Referee and it needs to be fully explained it to them.

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# Protests

If the querying person is not happy with the decision the Referee needs to advise them of their right to lodge a Protest. This must be done:

- Within 30 minutes of the infraction being announced.
- In writing (on the appropriate form).
- Accompanied by the fee set by the Meet body.

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# Protests

Once the preceding requirements have been met the Referee needs to respond to the Protest:

- In writing.
- Stating the reason for the decision and the Rule number concerned.
- Stating that it is <sup>TM</sup>A decision of Fact" is a violation of a written rule.

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# Protests

The written response is returned to the Protester who may then:

- Accept the decision and the matter is final and they have forfeited their payment (or it is returned if the Referee upholds their Protest), or
- Request that the matter goes to a Jury of Appeal for consideration.

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# Jury Of Appeal

A Jury of Appeal is convened (usually by the Meet Director/Technical Manager) using three highly qualified Officials who have had no involvement in the disqualification. One is appointed the Chair.

The Jury meets, examines all paperwork involved and if there are any discrepancies, or alterations of the Infraction Report the Referees decision may at this point be overturned. Hence the importance of an accurately completed Infraction Report.

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# Jury Of Appeal

If the paperwork is all in order the Jury will:

- Question all Officials involved and maybe also the Coach or Protester.
- View/examine any other evidence if Video evidence is used it will be that of Hawkeye, the Bio Mechanics team, the HSV in the Control Room or Broadcast video. Personal devices cannot be used.
- Arrive at a decision based on the above.

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# Jury Of Appeal

If video evidence viewed is inconclusive then it cannot be considered and statements from the Officials involved must be used to determine the final decision. This decision in writing is then given to the protester and is final. Payment is either refunded or forfeited depending on the outcome. If the Protest is upheld the disqualified swimmer will be reinstated with their recorded time and place.

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# Q & A

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