



## **Tire Protest Rules**

1. Tire protests will be from within the same division and class only (example: Jr Honda may only protest Jr Honda). Only competitors in the same division may make a protest on a tire. Only one protest per race event per handler per class may be submitted. No protesting Novice.
2. Any tire may be protested for \$250.00 (cash only) per tire. No protest related inspection will be started prior to the funds being posted with the proper official.
3. Any protest must be announced to the Race Director or his/her designee, before the end of the race/qualifying that the protested tire is participating in before the checkered flag falls. The car with tires being protested will go over scales and directly to impound immediately after the race/qualifying has ended. Once the car has been impounded, a completed QMA Tire Protest Form and \$250.00 (cash only) must be submitted to the Race Director or his/her designee immediately.
4. Once filed with the Race Director or his/her designee, a tire protest may not be withdrawn.
5. The Race Director or his/her designee, will give the protest money to club until the protested tire has been tested for legality.
6. The protested tire will be removed from the car, dismounted, marked and sealed in a QMA approved plastic bag by the Club Tech Director or his/her designee, as soon as the car comes across the scale and the protestee will receive \$50.00 for the tire.
7. The protested tire will immediately be taken into custody by the Club Tech Director or his/her designee. Tires must remain in possession of assigned tech officials throughout the entire process. Tires must be sent to the lab the next business day.
8. Both the Protester and the Protestee will be present for signature certification of all tires taken. The bag will be sealed with tape and the protester and protestee will sign across this seal.
9. Tires will be tested for contamination via Gas Chromatography- Mass Spectroscopy (GC-MS)
10. All tire testing results will be sent to the National Tech Director and National Safety Director. Results will then be forwarded to the appropriate Regional Director who will

notify the Club President where the tires were confiscated and the findings will be published on the Club website.

11. Any tire that fails QMA tire testing procedures and laboratory testing subjects the driver and handler to the following suspensions;

1<sup>st</sup> offense- 30 day suspension; \$250.00 fine and forfeit event finish.

2<sup>nd</sup> offense- 1 year suspension, \$250.00 fine, and forfeit event finish.

3<sup>rd</sup> offense- Lifetime suspension, \$250.00 fine and forfeit event finish.

Suspensions will be for the Driver and Handler, also referred to as a “Family Suspension”, and are to be effective upon receipt of QMA approved laboratory results by the Regional Director.

12. If the tires are found to be legal, the balance of the protest monies (paid by the Protester) will be used to pay for the lab costs. If the tires are found illegal, the tire protest fines will be used to reimburse the Protester.

13. Testing of protested tires MAY NOT be waived by any party.

14. Multiple protests on any tire will not be accepted. Only the first protest will be honored.

15. Destroying or withholding of tires or any other lack of cooperation in this protest process or inspection process will be interpreted as an admission that the tires are illegal and will subject the driver and handler to the conditions set forth in item number 11.

16. Protestee has the right to admit guilt. If the Protestee chooses to admit guilt before the protested tire is confiscated, he/she is verbally accepting the suspensions set forth in item number 11. All money will be returned to the Protester and the tire in question is still confiscated and sent to the National Tech Director.