

NZACA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Disputes Committee Procedure

(refer Clause 2.4 of Competition Rules)

1. If a competitor(competitors) or club has an issue over a particular matter, whether it affects themselves or another(other) competitor(s), then this is to be put in writing and given to the National Secretary (or his/her deputy) as soon as practically possible. This could possibly be done on pre-prepared complaint/issue forms to be made available at Nationals.
2. If another(other) competitor(s) is(are) involved then that(those) person(s), or a designated official in their club, must be informed ASAP of the issue/complaint.
3. The competitor(s) involved must be allowed to weigh-in their catch, continue casting or whatever activity they are participating in until the matter is heard and resolved.
4. A deliberation meeting time to be set.
5. The Deliberation/Disputes Committee shall comprise of four members plus Chairman. Two being NZACA Executive Members, but not from the Club(s) involved in the issue. Two from the Host Club, providing it is not the Club that is involved in the issue; or if no Host Club, or the Host Club involved, then two senior NZACA non-Executive Members, being not members of clubs involved. The Chair being the NZACA President or their deputy. The National Secretary will act as scribe but with no voting rights.
6. The competitor(s)/Club Representatives who has(have) initiated the issue, together with, if applicable, those whom the issue concerns will be entitled to appear before and speak to the Deliberation Committee; either separately or together. Those to whom the issue concerns are entitled to be accompanied by another NZACA Member if they so wish, i.e. their Club /Team Captain, other Club Official or fellow Member.
7. Once the Deliberation Committee has heard from all of those involved they will retire and come to a decision, the Chair and the four Committee Members having one vote each. The decision must be conveyed verbally to all Parties concerned as soon as possible. This is to be followed up by the total matter and decision being put in writing and given to the Parties involved, with additional copies being made available to all Clubs if felt appropriate.
8. The Committee's decision is final. No further debate, written or otherwise can be entered into, excepting that if the Parties so involved choose to do so they can exercise their rights under Clause 23 of the Constitution of the Association.