



Tire Protest Policy & Procedures

USAC's "Dry Tire" Rule states that it is prohibited to use traction compounds or any substance that might alter the physical properties of a tire as supplied by the manufacturer. Tire cleaners/shiners, tire softeners, track adhesives, brake fluid, diesel fuel, etc. will not be permitted on the tires at any time. NCQMA's Technical Director and/or Safety Director have the right to confiscate any tire at any time. Any tires with signs of these products on or inside them will be impounded for further testing. The penalty for chemically altering a tire is a four (4) points race family suspension from racing at NCQMA.

Protests of tires during qualifying (single car or batch) may be made by a handler of a competitor registered in the same division and class for the same event. Protests must be made in writing by completing the Tire Protest Form and submitting it with **\$300** cash to NCQMA's Tech Director, Chief Steward, and/or Safety Director within **15** minutes after completion of qualifying of the class in which the tire is being protested.

Protests of tires during a race (heat race or main event) may be made by a handler of a competitor that ran in the same heat race or main event. Protests must be made in writing by completing the Tire Protest Form and submitting it with **\$300** cash to NCQMA's Tech Director, Chief Steward, and/or Safety Director within **15** minutes after completion of the race in which the tire is being protested.

The handler protesting the tire must surrender the same tire (i.e, right front, right rear, left front, left rear) from their car to be the sample tire sent to the lab for testing.

NCQMA will provide a baseline control tire to be run on the track per USAC Rule Book.

The protested tire and sample tire will be taken to impound and remain in the possession of NCQMA tech officials throughout the entire process, including shipping.

Tire test results will be communicated to the NCQMA Tech Director and/or Safety Director by USAC or the USAC-approved testing facility. The USAC-approved testing facility will make the determination if the competitor's tires have been treated with chemicals other than those found in the baseline and sample tires. The competitors involved will be informed of the test results by the NCQMA Tech Director and/or Safety Director. All test results are final and there is no appeal process.

If the tire that is protested is found to be chemically unaltered, NCQMA will provide a new tire to the handler whose tire was protested.

If the protested tire is found to be chemically altered, it will result in a DQ and a four (4) points race suspension from racing at NCQMA for the entire family.

If the tire of the person submitting the protest and providing the sample tire is found to be chemically altered, it will result in a DQ and a four (4) points race suspension from racing at NCQMA for the entire family.

Refusal of protest, destroying or withholding of the tire being protested, or another lack of cooperation in the protest procedure shall be interpreted as an admission that the tire is chemically altered and shall result in a DQ and a four (4) points race family suspension.

Handlers may only protest one (1) tire per class per event, and may not protest the same driver more than once per calendar year.

All penalties, additional testing, etc. will be implemented/conducted at the BOD's discretion. A 2nd offense will result in a one (1) year suspension. A 3rd offense will result in a lifetime suspension.