

Taekwondo Kyorugi Coach Roles and Responsibilities

In Kyorugi matches, a coach plays a very important role but also has several important duties and limitations. In the NCTA, our goal is to empower the coaches to support their competitors but also contribute toward an orderly and fair progress of the matches.

Coach duties and responsibilities

- Encourage and support the competitor
- Advocate for the competitor within the rules
- Support the orderly progress of the competition
- Maintain decorum in the event among own team members

Coach Protests

ONLY the following are legitimate protests:

- You can request a penalty against the opponent for
 - o Falling
 - o Going out of bounds
 - o Attacking after kalyeo (contact is required)
 - o Attacking fallen opponent (even if no contact)
- You can request invalidation of ANY penalty against your own player (except for judgment calls)
 - o Technical point not scored
 - o Technical malfunction of equipment such as time clock or electronic chest guard
 - o Request invalidation of points after gamjeom
 - o Head kick not scored even without electronic headgear
 - o Wrong identification of punch

Protest Procedure

- Stand up in place and raise your protest card
- If you see the opposing coach stand, you should stand up also. If any member of the court (corner judge, coach, scorekeeper) stands up, you also stand up. The referee will stop the match to find out the reason. Do not shout or otherwise address the referee. You can also stand up if you become aware of any other problem such as an untied hogu, etc.
- You must stand up within 5 seconds of the occurrence you are protesting
- The referee will take your card and ask the reason for your protest.
- STATE YOUR PROTEST CLEARLY! Specify which rule you are applying
- The referee will either ask for video replay, if available, or poll the corner judges
- If your protest is upheld, the referee will return your card and adjust the score accordingly
- If your protest is denied, the referee will keep your card and you will lose your protest rights for the remainder of the match

Judgment Calls

It is important to note that judgment calls are not protestable—if you protest them, you will lose your protest card for the remainder of the match. Judgment calls are:

- Excessive force
- Unsportsmanlike behavior

Coach Behavior

There are, unfortunately, times when a coach continuously interrupts a match and disregards the rules. The center referee may admonish the coach but also has the ability to penalize the competitor and, in extreme cases, move the division to a different ring or disqualify the competitor. In the NCTA, the referee may also perform these actions if the interruptions are coming from the audience and it is clear that the coach is either enabling or not restraining the audience.