



## Protest Procedures

as of 2-18-2009

All protests, complaints, etc. must be submitted in writing to the Governing Board of the ILR-SD. They must be signed, and clearly state what the exact complaint or protest is. They must be accompanied by a fee payable to ILR-SD of \$200.00 (refundable if the protest or complaint is upheld). All protests must be submitted within 15 days of the alleged event.

This is to be sent to the Governing Board – c/o ILR Registrar, International Lama Registry, Box 8, Kalispell, Montana 59903.

All complaints, protests, etc. will be made fully public and the person(s) the complaint is/are against will know by whom they have been accused. Posting of a complaint will be done after the complaint panel has made their review.

All complaints or protests received will be reviewed at the next regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting (conference call). If they are deemed to be valid, then a panel of 5 people will be chose from the current ILR show division members. This panel will be supplied with the complaint, protest, and all other information given to the Governing Board. They, as an entire complaint panel, will review the same. In the course of their review, they will contact both the complainant and the accused and any other involved persons. The complaint panel has 15 days to complete their investigation. The complaint panel will then submit (individually) their ruling with suggested penalty if appropriate to the ILR registrar of the ILR. The ILR registrar IS NOT a voting member of the Governing Board. That decision will be brought back to the Governing Board by the ILR Registrar.

Penalties if applicable will be voted on by the Governing Board. Penalties may include but are not limited to; a warning, suspension for a specified period, expulsion from ILR-SD membership, revocation of a judge's sanctioning or fine.

The secretary for the Governing Board will then send a letter to the accused and complainant(s) stating the ruling of the 5 person committee that reviewed said protest/complaint and noting any penalty given; this information will also be posted on the ILR-SD website.

### **Appeal Process:**

If the accused wishes to appeal this decision, the process of the protest would be followed again. This time the accused would submit in writing to the Governing Board the wish for an appeal accompanied by a fee of \$200.00 made payable to ILR-SD (refundable if the appeal is successful). The process would go forth by the selection of 5 different show division members who would review the original complaint/protest and submit their ruling (individually) to ILR Registrar at the ILR office. This appeal decision will be brought back to the Governing Board and will stand as the final decision.