

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. USAC's Technical Director has 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 1 year family suspension from USAC .25 Midget racing competition.

Protests must be made in writing by completing the Tire Protest Form and submitting it with \$250 cash to the USAC Tech Director and/or Chief Steward within **5** 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 \$250 cash the USAC Tech Director and/or Chief Steward 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.

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

Tire test results will be communicated to USAC Officials by 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 USAC. All test results are final and there is no appeal process.

If the protested tire is found to be chemically altered, it will result in a DQ and a 1 year suspension from USAC .25 Midget racing competition.

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 1 year suspension from USAC .25 Midget racing competition.

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 1 year suspension.

Handlers may only protest one (1) tire per class per event.

