

Filings Protests

Follow the procedure below for filing a Rules Interpretation Panel (RIP) request. RIPS should be filed while the event is underway to ensure the best outcome.

- The chapter advisor of record may pick up the RIP form from the Information/Registration Desk.
- The chapter advisor of record must fill out the form. Students are not allowed to do so.
- RIPS must be based on specific rules and procedures. They cannot be submitted to protest a judge's decision alone. For example, a RIP can be filed for a team getting 45 seconds instead of the required 60 seconds. Or a project was deducted for missing a component but it was in fact present at the time of judging.
- Once filled out, the chapter advisor of record returns the form to the information desk so it can be given to the appropriate event manager.
- The manager reviews the protest to determine that it has met all the requirements for a RIP. They will determine if action needs to be taken.
- Once the manager has determined that a RIP is indeed warranted, the RIP committee will review the RIP and take action as necessary. An example of a RIP that action will be taken on:
 - The coordinator allowed students to throw their gliders rather than use the launcher.
 - An example of a RIP that action will not be taken on: My students placed first at regionals and didn't make semi finals at State. They said they heard they were penalized and we need to know why.
- Additionally, if the RIP concerns a modification made with the official permission of the managers and impacts all contestants equally, then the RIP will not result in any changes.