

At the end of 2025, the invited experts sent back the NS rulebook I proposed for revision. Thus, the previously valid rulebook (2016) and its amendments will be valid for the 2026 World Championship. An important change that came into effect on the last General Assembly.

On the last General Assembly protest rights were introduced in all sections. (See point 11 in the Summary of General Assembly)

Based on this decision a protest may be filed against the results of the technical judgement in NS.

Basic rules for this kind of protest:

- (1) In justifying the protest, the competitor may not refer to his results in other competitions.
- (2) The protest can only be submitted using the official form and must be provided by the participant themselves.
- (3) The protest fee is 50 EUR.
- (4) The official protest form can be found in the Appendix 1

In order to ensure a high-level, calm technical inspection, I ask the organizers, competitors and judges to do the following:

- (a) For the duration of the construction inspection, the organizers are obliged to provide a safe place for the models of the inspected category, where all they can be viewed by visitors.
- (b) During the construction inspection, competitors must display their models (and not keep them in boxes) in the place provided by the organizers.
- (c) At the beginning and end of the construction inspection, the judging committee must look at the exhibited models together in order to minimize incorrect scoring.
- (d) During the construction inspection of a model (during or at the end of the construction inspection), the judges must give an opinion (advice) to the competitor. In this way, the competitor can more easily understand (accept) the score and receive guidance to improve the quality of the model.
- (e) The competitor should be present at the construction examination. The members of the examination panel may ask the competitor questions regarding the model and construction documentation. If necessary, the interpreter and the team leader may be present at the technical inspection. Only the competitor can answer the questions that arise during the technical inspection. The team leader can only answer questions addressed to him.

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