

# Protest Committee

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Dear managers and coaches:

All of us on the executive board are very excited about the upcoming season.

In order to preserve the feeling of fair play all rule disputes will be handled by the protest committee. A \$20 filing fee will be charged to the originator of the protest.

If a members of the protest committee is involved in the protest they will not have a vote for that particular protest.

If a protest is lodged the chairman will first decide if the protest is legitimate. If the committee feels the protest is not based on the violation or interpretation of a playing rule, use of an ineligible pitcher or use of an ineligible player, the protest will be dismissed.

If the committee feels the protest **may have** violated one of those principles, then there will be a hearing.

At the protest hearing the two managers and the members of the protest committee will be the only ones present. The umpire or umpire chief along with league commissioners (Pee-Wee, Minor, Major and Junior League can also be brought in to clarify particular league rules.

The committee's decision on a protest will be given to the league president, in writing, within a week. (This excludes playoffs).

**The decision is final!**

**During the playoffs a protest must be decided before the next pitch!**

**A protest will not be considered after the playoffs are over!**

**IMPORTANT NOTE: Managers should read the rule book on how to properly protest a game!**

**If a manager violates the rules in anyway (knowingly or not knowingly) they may be subject to a suspension from their league commissioner or executive board. The team that violated the rules may also be forced to give up their victory. Teams that use an illegal or ineligible pitcher will automatically have to forfeit that game. This applies even if the rules violation is discovered days later. This also applies even if the opposing manager doesn't PROTEST a particular rules violation at the time of the game.**

**The committee reserves the right to take a victory away from a team whether there's a protest or not, if it feels the rules violation is egregious.**

**Best wishes for a successful and protest free season.**

**The Protest Committee.**