

For “Challenging an Ineligible Player,” the following information is provided to the head coaches:

General Information

The Junior, Cadet, and Juvenile League have adopted rules governing procedures for challenging the eligibility of a player both during and after a game.

A CHALLENGE is a head coach’s claim that the opposing team is in violation of these rules by using an ineligible player.

An INELIGIBLE PLAYER is any player whose name does not appear on the most current official team roster including a player who is not an authorized “exception” player (e.g., a player who may be overage or underage) and those who have not legally switched teams. If the borrowing of players is specifically authorized, a legally borrowed player will be considered to be on “the most current official team roster” for that game.

Specific Information

A Challenge of a possible ineligible player **after a game has ended** must be submitted by the head coach (or in his absence, a coach) in writing to the League Commissioner by email, fax or registered mail within 72 hours after the game has ended. The Challenge must include the names of the home and visiting teams, the date and time of the game, the venue, the name of the player, and an explanation of the basis of a head coach’s Challenge. The name of the challenger, the challenger’s team and the date of the challenge must also be included. A response to your Challenge should be provided within 48 hours after it is submitted.

For Challenging an Illegal/Ineligible Player **during a game**, further details on the Challenge, and the **consequences if a Challenge is sustained during or after a game**, see the following:

Juvenile League Playing Rule 12.04.16, Challenging an Ineligible Player, in the Juvenile League Regulations and Playing Rules (IAB Rule 12)

Junior and Cadet League Playing Rule 13.06.08, Challenging an Illegal Player, in the Junior and Cadet League Regulations and Playing Rules (IAB Rule 13)