

**For submitting a “Protest,” the following information is provided to the head coaches:**

### **General Information**

The Juvenile, Cadet, Junior, and Premier League have adopted rules governing procedures for protesting a game when a head coach (or in his absence, a coach) claims an umpire’s decision is in violation of that League’s playing rules or interpretation of a playing rule. No protest shall ever be permitted on judgment decisions by the umpire. In all protested games, the decision of the Protest Committee shall be final.

If there is reasonable doubt that any umpire’s decision may be in conflict with the rules, the head coach may appeal the decision and ask that a correct ruling be made. Such appeal shall be made only to the umpire who made the protested decision. If a head coach elects to appeal the decision and is not satisfied with the result, he may pursue the protest.

The protest including a protest on a game-ending play must be submitted in writing to the League Commissioner by email, fax or registered mail within 48 hours after the game has ended. The name of the protestor, the protestor’s team and the date of the protest must be included.

The written protest must also include the following information:

- (1) Game particulars (home team, visiting team, venue, date and posted time),
- (2) Game situation at time of infraction (inning, team at bat, number of outs, runners on base),
- (3) Names of umpires and positions (Plate, Base),
- (4) Description of infraction, and
- (5) Rule violated.

Whenever a head coach protests a game because of alleged misapplication of the rules, the written protest will not be recognized unless the umpires are notified at the time the play under protest occurs and before the “next pitch, play or attempted play.” On a game-ending play in the Premier League only, the head coach must announce the protest to the umpire-in-chief before the umpires leave the playing field at the end of the game.

A “play or attempted play” is a legitimate effort by a defensive player who has possession of the ball to actually retire a runner. The fact that the runner is not out is not relevant. A fake or a feint to throw shall not be deemed a play or an attempted play.

A “pitch” is a ball delivered to the batter by the pitcher.

Even if it is held that the protested decision violated the playing rules:

- (1) The game will not be replayed or continued if the violation did not adversely affect the game’s outcome (i.e., which team won) or
- (2) The game will not be replayed or continued if the results of the game will not have any bearing on the League championship or a team’s berth in any post regular season play.

### **Specific Information**

For further details and the consequences if a protest is sustained, see the following:

Juvenile League Playing Rule 12.04.19, Protest, in the Juvenile League Regulations and Playing Rules (IAB Rule 12)

Junior and Cadet League Playing Rule 13.07.04, Protest, in the Junior and Cadet League Regulations and Playing Rules (IAB Rule 13)

Premier League Playing Rule 14.07.04, Protest, in the Premier League Regulations and Playing Rules (IAB Rule 14)