

## **PROTESTS**

### **Section 1: Eligibility**

**A.** Protests of a violation(s) of any PAL rule governing a member's eligibility, may be filed by any member of the PAL baseball program; against any other member of the program.

**B.** All protests of a violation of eligibility rules that occurred in the course of the regular season must be filed no later than forty-eight (48) hours after the close of the last regular season game of the current season.

**Note:** An individual member does not have to be an opponent in order to protest against a team for fielding ineligible players. This section is designed to keep the respective leagues "PURE" by granting the right to any individual member to protest against a team at any time under the above conditions.

### **Section 2: Playing Rules**

**A.** All protests of violations of the playing rules in official games of PAL must be submitted in writing and filed with a member of the local city league within forty-eight (48) hours of the completion of the game.

**B.** Local city boards shall consist of a baseball commissioner and two (2) designated division commissioners. Umpires may be utilized as consultants only.

**C.** Any protest received after the specified (48) hours shall not be recognized.

**D.** The local city board must notify the team against whom the protest was filed within seventy-two (72) hours after receipt of the protest.

**E.** Managers and coaches can ONLY file protests of a playing rule violation within the respective game for which they are officially registered to manage or coach. The rule and section must be clearly denoted on the official protest.

**F.** Managers and coaches contemplating a protest on violations of playing rules during a game must notify the head umpire immediately of the intent to protest prior to the next pitch. The circumstances will be noted on the official score sheet at the completion of the game. The score sheet must be signed by both team managers and the umpire.

**G.** If the local city board finds that a positive confirmation of the rule violation would not have affected the outcome of the game, the disposition of the game will remain as recorded.

**H.** The opposing manager and/or coach may be required to attend the hearing to offer information requested by the local city board. The committee will rule in private after the facts have been presented.

**I.** No parents or players are allowed at the protest hearing.

**J.** All decisions of the local city board in conjunction with the PAL League Rules are final.