

# Adult Sports Program

## Protest Guidelines

1. Protest shall not be received or considered if they are based solely on a decision involving the accuracy of the official's judgment or if such decision has no bearing on the outcome of said game.
2. Notification of intent to protest an official's ruling based on the misinterpretation of a playing rule, must be lodged with the official at the time of the official's ruling or the protest is not received.
3. In a protest involving eligibility of player(s), once a formal protest has been lodged with the official by a manager against a player(s), the player(s) in question must print and sign his/her name on the score sheet under protest. The player in question must show some valid form of identification, such as a driver's license to the official.
4. Protest involving eligibility of player(s) may be lodged at any time up until the end of the game. No protest involving eligibility will be received after the game has concluded. A player whose name and signature is not shown on that team's league roster is considered an ineligible player; a forfeit may be declared against the offending team.
5. Use of protesting a ruling to delay the game to expend time may result in forfeiture.
6. **Procedures regarding alleged discrepancy in official score during the game:**
  - a. Team manager who believes there is an error in the official score must notify the official immediately that an alleged scoring error occurred.
  - b. Official suspends play until he/she rules on the official score.
  - c. Officials examine the official scorebook. If the error cannot be found, official accepts the record of the official book, unless he / she has knowledge, which permits him / her to decide otherwise.
  - d. The final score, as approved by the official at the end of the game at the field / gym, is official. Protests about the accuracy of the final score shall not be received or considered.
7. All protests must be filed in writing on an official protest form and submitted by the following business day to the Adult Sports office at the Ted C. Wills Community Center 770 N San Pablo, (559)621-7529.
  - a. Protests filed late will not be accepted.
8. The playing of a successfully protested game: In the advent of a game being made up because of a successful protest. Adult Sports Program will schedule, as quickly as possible, a make-up game.
9. The decision of the protest is final. The decision is made within five work days.



City of Fresno– Adult Sports Program  
~PROTEST FORM~



**READ CAREFULLY:**

- 1) First be sure you have a valid protest in accordance with your league rules.
- 2) The protest must be verbally expressed to the official and opposing manager in ALL cases, and the scorekeeper must be notified before game continues.
- 3) Remember, matters involving only the accuracy of an official's judgment are not protestable.
- 4) Your protest must be submitted on this form and returned to the Ted C. Wills Community Center (770 N San Pablo Fresno, 93728) by the following business day.

<b>Type of Game:</b> (Circle One) <b>Mens</b> <b>Women</b> <b>Co-Ed</b> _____ <b>Softball</b> <b>Basketball</b> <b>Soccer</b> <b>Flag Football</b>		<b>Official/s:</b>		<b>Scorekeeper:</b>			
<b>Date:</b>		<b>Time:</b>		<b>Field/Gym/Location:</b>		<b>Teams:</b>	
<b>Player/s involved:</b>				<b>Score:</b> to		<b>In favor of:</b>	
<b>Inning/half:</b>		<b>Time Remaining:</b>		<b>What rule was applied?</b>			

**REASON FOR PROTEST:**

Illegal Player (Name of Player/s) \_\_\_\_\_

Misinterpretation of a playing rule (State why you think the official's decision was not in accordance with official rules of play).

(Note: If more space is needed, use additional paper)

<b>Manager's Signature:</b>		<b>Email:</b>		<b>Phone:</b>	
<b>For Adult Sports Use Only:</b>			<b>Date Received:</b>		
			<b>Received By:</b>		<b>Approved/Disapproved by:</b>