

# Protests

## I. Rule Interpretations

- a. No protest will be considered which concerns the judgment of an official.
- b. To be valid, a protest of a rule interpretation must be verbally registered with an official at the time the incident occurs. The game will be stopped; the officials and team captains shall separate themselves from the other participants and determine the correct ruling.
- c. If either captain believes the ruling to be in error, he/she may request that the officials consult with the sports supervisor on duty. The supervisor will make a decision and the game will continue.
- d. If either captain believes the supervisor's ruling to be in error, he/she should inform the supervisor that he/she wishes to file a formal protest. At that time, the protesting captain will complete a protest form with the supervisor. The game will continue under protest.
- e. The Assistant Director-Intramurals will rule on all written protests. If a rule interpretation protest is ruled valid, the game may be either replayed in its entirety or replayed from the point at which the protest was lodged.
- f. No protest can be made on a previous play, after the game resumes.

## II. Participant Eligibility

*To exemplify the values of honest sports competition, protests of alleged ineligibility should be made immediately to game officials and supervisors.*

- a. If an eligibility protest is made prior to a game and it can be determined that the player is ineligible, he/she will not be allowed to participate. No Campus Recreation staff member will knowingly permit an ineligible player to participate. If the eligibility of the player in question cannot be determined, the team in question has the option of using the player. However, if it is later determined that the player is ineligible; the team will forfeit the game.
- b. If a protest regarding eligibility is made at any time other than before the game, the protesting captain must complete a protest form with the sports supervisor. The Assistant Director-Intramurals will examine the protest and rule on the eligibility of the player in question.
- c. A protest will always be viewed more favorable if these procedures are followed. However, the philosophy of the Campus Recreation Department is that ineligible players should not be permitted to participate, and their status can be questioned at any time.
- d. Once a matter of eligibility has been raised by a team, captain, official, supervisor, or graduate assistant the professional staff of the Campus Recreation Department will investigate any possible improprieties.