

# HALL OF FAME TRAVEL BASEBALL LEAGUE

## PROTEST FORM

Protests are permitted in the *Hall of Fame Travel Baseball League ("League")* in those rare instances when a controversial call or incident occurs and a protest becomes necessary in order to attempt to assure justice to a player or a team. Protests are valid in only two circumstances - - (1.) An ineligible player participating in a league game and, (2.) A misinterpretation or violation of a baseball/league rule that materially affects the result of a game. Under no circumstances will an official's judgment on a particular play be grounds for a protest. Evidence supporting a Manager's protest is important. The burden is on the protesting Manager to supply "proof" to support his/her case. The League's Review Committee will investigate and make the final decision on all protests.

### ELEMENTS OF A VALID PROTEST

#### **1. Team Manager:**

A Team Manager is the only person eligible to submit a formal protest. Assistant coaches or team parents should not attempt to submit a protest. By definition they will not be accepted by the league and a refund of the protest fee will not be provided.

#### **2. Protestable Situations:**

- a. Rule interpretation and/or violation. Within 24 hours of event.
- b. Ineligible Player. Within 3 days after League Championship Game.

#### **3. Protest Fee:**

The cost to file a protest is \$100. The protest fee must be paid at or before the time the written protest is submitted to the league. The protest fee must be paid online with a credit card through the league's website ([www.halloffameleague.com](http://www.halloffameleague.com)). The protest fee is refundable if the League's Review Committee rules in favor of the protesting Manager. No refunds are available for protesting "non-protestable" circumstances or game situations.

## **PROTESTABLE SITUATIONS**

### **1. RULE INTERPRETATION:**

Protests concerning a rule interpretation must be made to the home plate umpire and opponent at the time of the infraction. Prior to the commencement of the next play, the plate umpire **and** opposing Manager must be put “on-notice” by the protesting Manager that the game is being played under protest and that a formal protest will be submitted to the League after the game.

If the protesting Manager’s team wins the game, there is no need to file a protest.

***Protesting Manager’s Responsibility:*** Within 24 hours of the game loss, a formal *written* protest must be submitted to the League’s Review Committee. Time is of the essence as it relates to filing the protest. A summary of the game circumstances (inning, score, time, situation, etc...) that led to the incident must be included in the protest.

***Plate Umpire’s Responsibility:*** If the protesting Manager’s team loses the game, the plate umpire is required to file his own, separate protest report with the League within 24 hours of game completion. The umpire’s Protest Form can be printed from the league website. Log into the Coache’s Area and click on the submenu option “Print Protest Form”.

### **2. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:**

Protests concerning player eligibility must be submitted, in writing, to the Reviews Committee no later than three (3) days following the completion of the League Championship Game for that particular division. The protesting party should be sure to have eyewitnesses (i.e. umpires, league officials, etc.) other than teammates and other details (i.e. name of illegal player; player’s birth date; parent’s name and contact information; name of other team(s)/league the player is rostered on., etc..) that will support the protesting party’s claim.

### **INVESTIGATION & DECISION**

All protests must be submitted in writing to the Review Committee. Please note that a representative from the protesting team, opposing team and officiating crew may be asked to present their “case” via phone or in person to the Review Committee. The Review Committee’s ruling on the protest and any penalty imposed for same, shall be final.

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A \$100 protest fee is due at the time the protest is filed. Protest fees are paid online through the league's website, [www.halloffameleague.com/](http://www.halloffameleague.com/)

**Please complete this form:**

**Team Filing Protest & Age Division:** \_\_\_\_\_

Manager of Team Filing Protest: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager's E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager's Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager's Home Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager's Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name of Opposing Team:** \_\_\_\_\_

Manager of Opposing Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number of Opposing Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

**Plate Umpire's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Plate Umpires Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Location of Contest:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Contest: \_\_\_\_\_

Start Time of Game: \_\_\_\_\_

Time When Protest Was Made: \_\_\_\_\_

Protesting Team's score at time of the incident: \_\_\_\_ Opponents Score: \_\_\_\_

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**Detailed Description of Incident (inning, top/bottom, # of outs, time remaining in game, game situation, description of incident, rule violation, etc..)**

**Manager's Recommended Solution:**

**Return via Fax or Email to League Director, Rich Hofman.  
Fax: 954-835-0394      Email: [Hofball11@aol.com](mailto:Hofball11@aol.com)**

