



## Appeals/Protests

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### **Appeals:**

Appeals of any decision made by the CYM Director of Youth Sports must be submitted in writing within one week of the ruling being received by the coach, player or spectator. Appeals will be sent to the CYM Director of Youth Sports, who will then forward the appeal to the Athletic Advisory Committee. Decisions of the Athletic Advisory Committee will be final and cannot be escalated any further.

Discipline decisions remain in effect prior to and during the review of the appeal until a decision is reached by the Athletic Advisory Committee.

The Athletic Advisory Committee decision, including whether an in-person meeting will be required, will generally be shared first with the CYM Director of Youth Sports and then sent back to the person making the appeal by the CYM Director of Youth Sports.

The following types of decisions cannot be appealed:

- Decisions of game officials (this is different than a protest), including technical foul/unsportsmanlike conduct fouls
- Ejections and minimum suspensions for ejections – this applies to players, coaches and spectators

### **Protests:**

There is a difference between filing a complaint about the conduct of a player, coach or spectator and filing an official protest regarding the interpretation of rules during an athletic contest.

While no athletic contest will be replayed even if the game officials misapplied or misinterpreted a rule, a head coach is permitted to file a protest to ensure no further contests are disrupted.

The process is as follows:

- If a head coach believes an official's application of a rule may have been misapplied or misinterpreted during the athletic contest, he or she should immediately notify the official during the athletic contest in a respectful manner. See NFHS rules concerning correctable errors.
- If after a contest is completed the head coach still feels that an official has misapplied or misinterpreted a rule during a contest the head coach may submit in writing an official protest to the CYM Director of

Youth Sports. The Director of Youth Sports will review and follow up with the appropriate organization of officials that worked the athletic contest.

*Related Policies:*

- 9.59** If a coach believes that an official's application of a rule may have been misapplied or misinterpreted, it is the responsibility of the coach to immediately notify the game official. See NFHS rules concerning correctable errors. <sup>2329</sup>
- 9.60** If after a contest, the head coach still feels that an official has misapplied or misinterpreted a rule during a contest, the head coach may submit in writing to the office for Catholic Youth Ministry a summary of the circumstances. The Director of CYM Sports will review and follow up with the organization of the officials that worked the game. <sup>2330</sup>
- 9.61** CYM contests will not be replayed even if the game officials misapplied or misinterpreted a rule. <sup>2338</sup>