

J. Method of Protest Procedures

1. Training League Games may not be protested. Non-training League Games may be protested for two reasons: (a) misapplication of W.C.S.L. Playing Rules; (b) player eligibility, including (i) ineligible player on the roster, or (ii) participation by a non-roster player

a) Misapplication of W.C.S.L. Playing Rules:

The head coach may, at half time or upon completion of the game prior to signing the game card, advise the referee that the game is being played under protest based on the coach's opinion that a W.C.S.L. Playing Rule has not been properly applied by the referee. The referee will notify the opposing coach, if they are available, of the protest.

b) Player Eligibility:

The head coach may protest a game for reasons of player eligibility under either of the following two circumstances:

i. Ineligible player on the roster:

The head coach may protest a game based on their opinion that the opponent's roster contains an ineligible player by providing a written notice of protest to their league representative prior the last league meeting of the season.

ii. Participation by a non-roster player:

The head coach may protest a game based on their opinion that the opponent is utilizing a non-roster player, or a player who is on more than one W.C.S.L. roster, by so notifying the referee, preferably prior to half time, of the game in progress.

The referee at the first stoppage of play will stop the clock; get the coach requesting the roster check to sign the back of the score card indicating a roster check protest; collect the \$20.00 protest fee; and notify the opposing coach that a roster check will be taken at half time.

At the conclusion of the first half of play, the coach requesting the roster check will present to the referee with a copy of an approved W.C.S.L. roster (inability to provide a roster will result in the protest being denied). The copy of the roster will not be returned. The referee will then inform the players of the protesting team to proceed to the goal they defended during the half.

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Meanwhile, the other referee (or the same referee, if only one referee is present) will ask the coach of the non-protesting team for a copy of their roster (if a copy of their roster is not available, the back of the protesting team's roster will be used for the roster check); and inform the players of the non-protesting team to proceed to the goal they defended during the half.

The referee(s) will question each player's name, address, and date of birth. Any discrepancies will be noted on the roster. If only one referee is present, the team requesting the roster check will be checked last, and the other team will be checked first. The roster, the game card, and the \$20.00 protest fee will be turned into the field representative. The field representative will immediately notify their district chief of referees. Play will resume immediately thereafter. No further time will be taken for half.

These same procedures will apply to games protested during the second half. However, because of the confusion that normally follows the end of a game, and the delay that would be caused in the start of the next game, the W.C.S.L. strongly recommends that all such protests be made during the first half of play.

2. With the exception of protests noted in J.1.b.i preceding, protests must be indicated on the score card immediately after the game, and prior to when the protesting coach signs the score card.

The protesting coach is to advise one of their league representatives verbally within 48 hours of the game, and provide one of their league representatives with a written notice of protest within 72 hours of the game.

3. Written reports, accompanied by a \$20.00 protest fee, are to be received from the representative(s) by the Chief of Referees within one week.
4. The chief of referees, within forty-eight (48) hours from receipt of the written report, will notify the organization against which the protest is lodged of the protest.
5. The Board at the next meeting will decide the protest.
6. Failure to comply with 1, 2, or 3 proceeding will nullify the protest.
7. The protest fee will be refunded only if the protest is upheld.