

Player Rating Protest

- **Committee:** All protests will be judged by the Buckeye Softball Classic Committee, and will be comprised of a selection of CLGSA officers as well as coaches from other leagues (and umpires if available).
- **Fee:** There is a \$50 fee to lodge a protest, plus \$25 per question per player that is up for challenge. The fee may be paid in cash or by credit card. The \$50 protest fee is returned if the protest is won, but it will not be returned if the protest is lost. The protest in question will pertain to that game only; however, books or other evidence may be used from prior games.
- **Protest Timing:** The protest must be submitted to the umpire before the last out of the game. The fee must be presented at this time. The game will continue as normal.
- **Protest Requirement:** The protesting team must identify specific questions that the player being protested can perform but are not reflected in their player rating. The protesting team must provide evidence to back up their protest (ex. Scorebook or video).
 - **Result #1:** If a player is successfully protested, but their revised individual player rating does not exceed the player limit for that division and their revised team rating is still at or below the composite divisional limit, then the team and the player will both be allowed to continue and the protested game's final result will stand.
 - **Result #2:** If a player is successfully protested and that player's revised individual rating exceeds the limit for that division but the team's revised composite rating is still at or below the divisional limit, that player will not be allowed to continue to play, but the team can continue playing. The protested team will be assessed a loss for that game only, but no further sanctions will be imposed on the team.
 - **Result #3:** If a player is successfully protested and their revised rating causes their team's rating to exceed the limit for their division, that team will be assessed a loss and will be disqualified from the tournament.
 - If a team has more than three (3) points successfully protested during the tournament, the team will be eliminated from the tournament.
- **Double Jeopardy:** Once a player has been protested for a specific question (and the protest is denied), the player cannot be protested for the same question again during that same game.
- **Reporting of Protest:** If any player and/or team is successfully protested during the tournament, the protest and the results will be reported to the NAGAAA database and to the NAGAAA Commissioner, as well as the league commissioner of the team.