



# SYB Memorial Day Tournament

(Follows Cal Ripken guidelines)

## 2017 Protest Procedure

- 1) No game will be played without the protest committee present. The Tournament or Field Director will ensure the protest committee is established.
- 2) Managers must have the Babe Ruth rulebook with them at all times.
- 3) All Official Playing Rules, including rule 11.05 from the Babe Ruth rulebook and the re-entry rule and base running rule shall be under the jurisdiction of the Umpires. Also under the jurisdiction of the umpires are the Contact Rule and the Slash Bunt Rule. The interpretation of these rules by an umpire or the application of these rules by an umpire can be protested.
- 4) All other Cal Ripken rules including but not limited to team eligibility, player eligibility and those rules that are on this sheet are under the jurisdiction of the Tournament Director. These rules will not be protested. The procedures used by the umpires cannot be protested. A game will not be delayed to question the aforementioned rules or the umpires' procedures.
- 5) The team manager is the only person allowed to protest an umpire's decision. The manager will notify the umpire in chief who will then notify the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director will decide if the protest is valid and then continue following the proper protest procedure.
- 6) The Tournament Director does not have to allow a protest even though it may be protest-able as stated above.
- 7) If the Tournament Director should allow the Protest Committee to hear a protest, the following procedure shall be used:
  - a. The Committee, the Umpires and the Manager from each team shall meet. This meeting should take place in a secluded spot on the field so as not to have interference from spectators.
  - b. The protesting Manager will state why he is protesting the call and why his interpretation of the rule differs from that of the Umpire.
  - c. The Umpire will then state why he made the call and explain his view of the rule.
  - d. The opposing Manager may make statements pertaining to the discussion.
  - e. The Committee members may ask questions pertaining to the discussion at any time.
  - f. The Tournament Director may disallow the protest at any time should he decide that the call is not protest-able or if the manager is protesting a judgment call.
  - g. When the Committee has heard all discussion pertaining to the protest, then the three members will leave the presence of the Managers and Umpires and make a decision. The Committee needs to make a decision based on the best interests of all the players and follow whatever means and take as much time as is necessary to make a fair decision.
- 8) If the Committee decides the protest the Tournament Director shall inform the managers from both teams and the umpires of the decision. The Committee will either agree with the umpire(s) or uphold the outcome of the play or they will disagree with the umpire(s) and revise the outcome of the play.