

ST MAARTEN UNITED SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

~SOFTBALL PROTEST FORM~

READ CAREFULLY:

- 1) First be sure you have a valid protest in accordance with your league rules.
- 2) The protest must be verbally expressed to the umpire and opposing manager in ALL cases, and the scorekeeper must be notified before game continues.
- 3) Remember especially, that matters involving only the accuracy of an official's judgement are not protestable.
- 4) Your protest must be submitted on this form and must be accompanied by a **ANG 100.00 / USD 56.18 protest fee**, and returned to the SUSA Secretary by 5:00 p.m. the following business day.

Type of Game: <i>(Circle One)</i> Mens Women Veterans (M/F)			Umpire:	Scorekeeper:
Date:	Time:	Field:	Teams: vs:	
With	at bat	Score	to	in favor of:
In the of inning.	Runner on <i>(Circle One)</i> None First Second Third	The count balls strikes		

The following play occurred (Explain in detail):

(NOTE: If more space is needed, use additional paper)

What Rule was applied?

REASON FOR PROTEST (State why you think the Umpire's decision was not in accordance with official rules of play and give rule number).

(NOTE: If more space is needed, use additional paper)

Manager's Signature:

Phone:

For SUSA Use Only:

Date Received:

Fee Paid:

Entered:

Received By:

Receipt #:

Approved/Disapproved By:

~PROTESTS~

- 1) Protest shall not be received or considered if they are based solely on a decision involving the accuracy of judgement of the part of the official or if such decision has no bearing on the outcome of said game.
- 2) Notification of intent to protest must be lodged with the umpire prior to the next pitch, or protest is not received.
Exception: Protests on player eligibility may be made up until and **before** the last out of the game.
- 3) In a protest involving eligibility of player(s), once a formal protest has been lodged with the umpire by a manager against a player(s), the player(s) in question must print and sign his/her name on the score sheet under protest. The player must show some valid form of identification, such as a driver's license, to the official in question. Expedition of this procedure rests solely with the protesting manager.
- 4) Protest involving eligibility of player(s) may be lodged at any time up to the last out of the last inning. No protest involving eligibility will be received after the game has concluded. A player whose name is not shown on that team's league roster is considered an ineligible player; a forfeit may be declared against the offending team.
- 5) The final score, as approved by the umpire at the end of the game at the field, is official. Protests about the accuracy of the final score shall not be received or considered.
- 6) Procedure regarding alleged discrepancy in official scorebook during the game:
 - a) Team manager who believes there is an error in the official score must notify the umpire prior to the first pitch of the next half inning that an alleged scoring error occurred during the half-inning. Note: In the last half-inning of the game, notification to umpire must be made before last out of the game.
 - b) Umpire suspends play until he/she rules on the official score.
- 7) All protests must be filed in writing on an official protest form by 5:00 p.m. the following business day to the SUSA Secretary (Ms. Cresencia M Brown Cel# 1 721 587 2091):
 - a) All protest must be accompanied with a ANG 100.00 / USD 56.18 protest fee.
 - b) Protests filed late and/or without the protest fee are not accepted.
- 8) The playing of a successfully protested game: In the advent of a game being made up because of a successful protest. SUSA will schedule, as quickly as possible, a make-up game.
- 9) The decision of the protest is final. The decision is made within one (1) week.