

13.11 Non-Confrontational or Verbal Abuse between Coaches, Players and Umpires

13.11.1 FOR 15U AND OLDER

(a) Any Umpire's decision which involves judgment, such as, but not limited to, whether a batted ball is fair or foul, whether a pitch is a strike or a ball, or whether a runner is safe or out, is final. No player, manager, coach or substitute shall object to any such judgment decisions. Players leaving their position in the field or on base, or managers or coaches leaving the bench or coaches box, to argue on BALLS AND STRIKES will not be permitted. The Umpire will warn them if they start for the plate to protest the call. If they continue, they will be ejected from the game.

(b) If a manager has reasonable doubt that any Umpire's decision (excluding judgement calls) may be in conflict with the rules, the manager may request to approach the Umpire to and ask that a review of the ruling be made. Such request shall be made only to the umpire who made the decision. The Umpire may reject a review.

(c) If the Umpire permits the review of the decision, the umpire making the decision may ask another umpire for information before making a final decision. If the umpires consult after a play and change a call that had been made, then they have the authority to take all steps that they may deem necessary, in their discretion, to eliminate the results and consequences of the earlier call that they are reversing, including placing runners where they think those runners would have been after the play, had the ultimate call been made as the initial call, disregarding interference or obstruction that may have occurred on the play; failures of runners to tag up based upon the initial call on the field; runners passing other runners or missing bases; etc., all in the discretion of the umpires. No player, manager or coach shall be permitted to argue the exercise of the umpires' discretion in resolving the play and any person so arguing shall be subject to ejection.

(d) A manager is permitted to ask the umpires for an explanation of the play and how the umpires have exercised their discretion to eliminate the results and consequences of the earlier call that the umpires are reversing. Once the umpires explain the result of the play, however, no one is permitted to argue that the umpires should have exercised their discretion in a different manner.

(e) Nothing set out in Section 13.11 (b) through (d) will prevent the right to protest under any other Section of this Rulebook.

(f) Exception to 13.11.1 (a): The manager or the catcher may request the plate umpire to ask their partner for help on a half swing when the plate umpire calls the pitch a ball, but not when the pitch is called a strike. The plate Umpire will consult with the other umpire for a determination which will be final. On a half swing, if the manager comes out to argue with first or third base umpire and if after being warned he persists in arguing, he can be ejected as he is now arguing over a called ball or strike. The ball is in play on appeal on a half swing;

(g) Players, Coaches and Managers may request the Umpire to call "Time" or raise a safety concern;

(h) Further, Coaches, Players and Spectators may NOT:

- (i) argue any call by making comments to a third party
- (ii) make any gesture or comments that shows public disagreement with an umpire's decision

Contravention will result in the person being ejected from the game.

13.11.2 FOR 13U AND YOUNGER

Before, during or after a game coaches or players may not approach an umpire for any reason except that they may:

- (a) attend the plate meeting;
- (b) request the Umpire to call "Time";
- (c) raise a safety concern;
- (d) approach the Umpire to make a substitution on defense or offence;
- (e) request the plate umpire to ask their partner for help on a half swing when the plate umpire calls the pitch a ball, but not when the pitch is called a strike. The plate Umpire will consult with the other umpire for a determination which will be final;
- (f) approach the Umpire to protest a game based on an interpretation of the Rule of Baseball on terms as set out in this Rulebook. (No protests are allowed at 11U and younger divisions.)
- (g) shake the Umpires hands post game;
- (h) thank the umpires and or offer words of encouragement;
- (h) Coaches and/or Players at any time may NOT:
 - (i) Argue any Umpire's decision which involves judgment, such as, but not limited to, whether a batted ball is fair or foul, whether a pitch is a strike or a ball, or whether a runner is safe or out, is final. No player, manager, coach or substitute shall object to any such judgment decisions. Players leaving their position in the field or on base, or managers or coaches leaving the bench or coaches box, to argue on BALLS AND STRIKES will not be permitted. The umpire shall immediately eject any manager, coach, player or team representative that continues to approach an umpire after his/her decision has been made;
 - (ii) harass or verbally abuse any official on the field of play before, during or after any game. Contravention will result will be the person being ejected from the game subject to further possible discipline by BCBA.
 - (iii) on a half swing, if the manager comes out to argue with first or third base umpire he can be ejected as he is now arguing over a called ball or strike.