

GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY  
**RECREATION**

**SECTION 10: Protests**

**Article 1: Rule Related Protests**

Questions pertaining to interpretation of rules on the part of activity officials must be resolved by the Intramural Sports Supervisor in charge of that field/court at the time the interpretation occurs and prior to the next live ball. The procedure shall be:

1. If a team/participant feels the official has made a misinterpretation of a rule, the Team Captain shall **calmly** and immediately request a “time out” and inform the official that he/she wishes to have a ruling on the interpretation by the Intramural Sports Supervisor in charge.
2. No protest which involves the judgment of the activity official(s) shall be upheld. The judgment of the official(s) is final. This also includes Intramural Staff when necessary.

*Example:* One foot in-bounds while in possession of the ball constitutes a legal catch in flag football.

Case 1: An official rules a pass incomplete because the “player did not have two feet in-bounds.” This is a rule misinterpretation, which IS protestable.

Case 2: An official rules a pass incomplete because the “player’s first foot landed on the sideline.” This is a judgment call, which is NOT protestable.

3. If corrections are necessary, the Competitive Sports Supervisor in charge shall rule immediately and the team/participant shall not be charged with a time out; however, if the official’s interpretation was correct, the team/participant will be charged with a time out. The interpretation of the rule by the Competitive Sports Supervisor is final.

**Article 2: Eligibility Protests**

1. Illegal Player Protest – This type of protest is for a team that feels a member or members of the opposing team is participating illegally (ie. a participant played on a NCAA Varsity team within the past year). In the event of this type of protest the player(s) whose legality is being questioned will be permitted to play, with the understanding that if they are found to be participating illegally the game will be forfeit. This type of protest must be filed with an Intramural Sports supervisor on site or with Competitive Sports Administration.