## **Appealing Umpire Calls**

- Any coach may request to appeal a call or application of a rule within reason. Constant appeals should not be tolerated.
- Balls and strikes may never be contested.
- Coach must wait for the natural conclusion of the play. Do not jump on the field or attempt to get the umpire's attention while play continues.
- Coach must get the umpire's attention by calling "time."
- Games with Rookie and Veteran Umpires:
  - Regardless of which umpire made the call, the coach must approach the Umpire in Charge (UIC) who is announced at the plate meeting.
  - Coach may then request the UIC to confer with their partner regarding a call.
  - There is no requirement for the umpires to confer as a result of an appeal. This is at the discretion of the UIC.
- Games with Veteran Umpires:
  - o Coach should approach the umpire who made the call.
  - Coach may request the umpire who made the call to confer with their partner.
  - There is no requirement for the umpires to confer as a result of an appeal. This is at the discretion of the umpire that made the call.
- Once the umpires have conferred, the umpire who made the call will announce their decision.
- The coaches of both teams may request an explanation should the need arise. This is common with rule interpretations; however, **no further discussion will take place.**