

## COMMENTS, COMPLAINTS & PROTESTS 2023

Our goals are always to improve the league and provide all participants with a happy and valuable experience. A one-sided criticism in social media, however, is not encouraged. As this always results in heated abuse but not constructive discussion. Anyone participating in the HKLL should express his/her idea through proper channels.

### **On-field**

On-field incidents will be handled through the managers and game umpires to the GADP committee and if necessary, to the Board of Directors. Managers, coaches, and umpires will handle all situations on the playing field in a respectful manner.

Judgment calls like ball/strike or safe/out are non-arguable. However, if coaches and managers believe that there is any misinterpretation of the LL/local rules, he or she shall immediately, and before any succeeding play begins, notify the umpire the game is being played under protest. (Rule 4.19(c) )Scorers have to make it down in the game report. The protesting manager must submit in writing to the President and GADP committee within 24hours.

Managers and umpires will handle all situations on the playing field in a respectful manner. The umpires have the authority to have anyone removed from the field for conduct that is not consistent with the league's objectives. If the behavior continues after a warning is given (a warning is NOT required), the umpires have the authority to suspend play or to call the game a forfeit, if necessary.

### **Off-field**

Team and league-related issues go through the manager or the league reps. Any off-field comments and issues may be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors via email to the President or respective community reps.

*The use of video as evidence will **only be available if the matter is related to abusive behaviors** but not for the general complaints and protests.*