

FAIRFIELD COUNTY CHAPTER OF APPROVED BASEBALL UMPIRES

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“You Make the Call”

- 1. Legal pitch delivered by the Pitcher which is high and inside. After the pitch arrives at home plate the umpire declares “foul ball.” The Batter is now holding his wrist and seems to be in some pain. The HPU (home plate umpire) now changes his call to “HBP” and sends the batter to 1st base. The Defensive Head Coach now asks the HPU if he could “review” the situation with his partner? His partner states “How can I help you from 80 feet away?” Was this situation handled correctly by the umpire? YES or NO? Please explain WHY or WHY NOT. Please explain.**
- 2. Umpires arrive at the field 30 minutes before game time. It is raining steadily. The field is all “TURF”. The coaches from both schools want to play the game and they express this to the umpires. What should the umpires do? And why should they take that “position”. Please explain.**
- 3. The game is “stopped” during the VISITOR’S half of the 6th inning. They have just scored two runs to put them into the lead 6-5; and they have the bases loaded with one out. The umpires wait over one hour and declare that the field is now “unplayable” and that the game has been “SUSPENDED.” Is this the correct “call” by the umpires/ Why or Why Not? Please explain.**

4. The umpires arrive at the game in plenty of time for a “meaningful” pre-game which includes “signals” and “rotations”. The Plate Umpire is relatively inexperienced while the Base Umpire is a “seasoned” veteran. During the course of the game the Plate Umpire notices that his partner is NOT using the same mechanics (especially Positions “B” & “C”) as were discussed in the “pre-game.” How should he (the plate umpire) proceed? Please be “specific” regarding tone; content & candor with his partner.

5. The bases are loaded (R-1; R-2; & R-3) with ONE “OUT.” The umpires verify with each other (pre-pitch) that this is an “INFIELD FLY SITUATION.” A “fly ball” then occurs but NEITHER of the umpires signal (NOR verbally identify) the “fly ball” as “INFIELD FLY: IF FAIR.”) The fly ball comes down and lands on the ground (untouched) near the Pitcher (F-!) while he is standing on the pitcher’s mound. “Chaos” ensues. All the runners try to advance and R-3 touches Home Plate (safely) while R-2 & R-1 are “forced” OUT at 2nd & 3rd base. The B/R advances safely to 1st base. NOW; Sort this mess out (for the umpires.) And explain what the umpires should tell the coaches.

6. At the Home Plate Conference the Visiting Team Coach presents his lineup card to the UIC. While “verifying” the card; the UIC notices that the player listed as PITCHER is also listed as DH. IOW this player is essentially serving in two capacities i.e.; he is pitching and also batting for himself. If the PITCHER leaves his position as pitcher he may continue to act as the DH for whoever enters the game as the “new” pitcher. Is this correct? Why or why not. Please explain.

- 7. During the game (it has already started) the UIC notices that a game ball that was returned to him has neither an NFHS nor a CIAC stamp. Upon further inspection he notices that NONE of the baseballs being used have NFHS/CIAC/NOCSEA stamps. What should the UIC do? If anything? Please explain.**
- 8. Bases loaded (R-3; R-2; R-1) one OUT. Fly ball toward F-9. F-9 secures the fly ball in his glove and subsequently reaches into the glove with his throwing hand and as he pulls the ball out; "it" (the ball) goes "backwards" and over the outfield fence. (YES; THIS REALLY HAPPENED) What should the umpires do; if anything? Please explain.**
- 9. Beginning of an inning. B-1 grounds a fair ball towards F-4. F-4 makes a poor throw toward F-3. F-3 attempts to catch the throw but is pulled toward the B/R & F-3 "tries" to maintain contact with 1st base and at the same instant he attempts to tag the B//R. What should the umpires do? (If anything?) Please explain.**
- 10. No OUTS ...R-1...Ground ball to F-4 who throws to F-6 in an attempt at a DP. The OUT is recorded at 2nd base but R-1 initiates a "pop-up slide". As a result of R-1's slide; no contact occurred with F-6 and the ability of F-6 to complete his movements were not altered. What should the umpire(s) do (if anything) Please explain?**