# OHSAA / NFHS oints of emphasis

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1)MPIRES

ASSOCIATION

**NEUA** 

2014

"if you don't say anything you cant get in trouble"

## Highlights from Kyle McNeeley Some of this covered in state meeting

Pitching clarifications -- windup vs set
know why hybrid is illegal pitch
dead ball as soon as first movement (other than
stepping off)
if you notice in warmups (hybrid) bring it to coach's
attention

Rule 7-3-5 Batter Interference nothing changed added emphasis on backswing (its really follow thru) delayed dead ball -- must be a play for there to be interference (e.g. runner stealing

#### Malicious contact

know what it is - incidental vs malicious (e.g. bad throw collision at first base) was there excessive force (how will you know? Ideas?) It must be intentional

- By defense out remains if tag made ball is dead immediately other runners that were advancing move forward to the next base
- By offense delayed dead ball if there is a chance to put out other runners.

#### **Coaches Uniform**

Baseball pants jersey or coverup (team colors) baseball cap

Penalty / result -- restricted to the bench Once restricted he cannot dress then come out If he never comes out and stays on the bench — then if he gets in his uniform coming out is okay.

#### **Coaches Conduct –**

they are allowed to ask about rules or rules enforcement - listen to them then rule – don't argue it Failure to comply with directive, exagerated time outs, challenge authority, incite fans/ spectators, negative behavior, lack of sportsmanship

#### **Compression Sleeves (pitchers)**

CAN BE WORN
May wear only one sleeve
NOT white or grey if it extends past elbow
(above elbow is OK)

#### **Umpire Uniform**

Slacks heather or charcoal

Try to match close enough – not required (even heather grays are different)

New logo / jacket should be used this year

In 2015 for varsity games – require class 1 officials

#### **Concussions**

Know common signs and symptoms

Know your role in protecting the players

Know if a player is removed for signs or symptoms he is

done for the day – (you must fill out a form)

#### Weather

Don't "play" with lightning nor thunder
Delay 30 minutes after hearing or seeing —
Extend the 30 after each rumble or burst
How long should you wait it out?
Butch? Whats our agreement with Ads? 1 hour?

#### **Ejection forms**

Hopefully you don't need them but know the procedure if you have to eject a player or coach -

#### Issues from other locales in 2013

**Pickoffs** -- Fakes to third ARE allowed "31" move – must step toward third (or second on fake)

#### Throwing to an unoccupied base by pitcher

true for first base

2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> - OK if a play is there or play is possible

e.g. Runner brakes from first and either continues or stops pitcher can step off and throw to second or pivot and throw to  $2^{nd}$  (same example  $2^{nd}$  to  $3^{rd}$ )

#### **Substituting for a Pitcher**

- pitchers may reenter as a pitcher as long as they are a eligible player reminder starting pitcher may leave game and reenter as a player still has rights to pitch Exceptions
- Exceptions pitchers removed as a part of or after 4<sup>th</sup> charged conference may not renter to pitch (probably wouldn't happen anyways)
- Starting pitcher of record does not pitch to first batter he cannot return later as a pitcher

### Practice your people skills?

- Everyone handles confrontations differently ... how do you?
- Be prepared what will you say? What will you NOT say?
- I like to listen and nod
- "good points" interesting points my call is ... (safe / out )
- If you talk you will trip up (good chance)
- Offer to speak with your partner that brings things down right away - after discussing – just repeat or call (or change it if it makes sense to)

## QUESTIONS re pitchers?