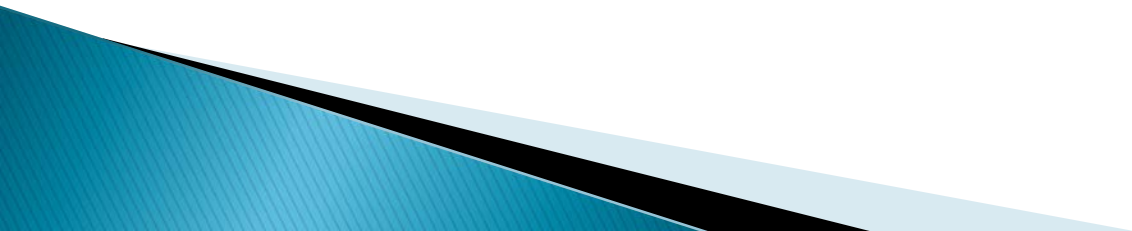


WIOA Baseball Meetings

Meeting #2

February 15, 2018

Agenda

- ▶ Introductions
 - ▶ Key Dates
 - ▶ Meeting Schedule
 - ▶ Rules Interpretations (NFHS)
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Introductions

- ▶ Mike Deboy – Baseball Chair
- ▶ Kevin Keen – Baseball Chair

- ▶ Meeting Members
 - Name
 - Sign the attendance sheet...

Key Dates

- ▶ Part 1 Test Complete – March 31
 - ▶ Rules Interp – Feb 26– March 26
 - ▶ Tourney App – Feb 26 – April 13
 - ▶ Meeting Attendance – April 23
 - ▶ Part 2 Test Available – March 19 – April 23
 - ▶ All Games Added to Application – May 4
 - ▶ Rating of Officials – Apr 23 – May 4
 - ▶ Tourney Draw – May 6
 - ▶ Start of Tourney – May 23
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Meeting Schedule

- ▶ #1 – Tue Feb 6 – Rules Changes & POE (NFHS)
- ▶ #2 – Thurs Feb 15 – Rules Interpretations (1) (NFHS)
- ▶ #3 – Mon Feb 19 – Rules Interpretations (2) (NFHS)
- ▶ #4 – Mon Feb 26 – Arbiter Tutorial
- ▶ #5 – Mon Mar 5 – Balk Coverage & Infield Positioning
- ▶ #6 – Mon Mar 12 –
- ▶ #7 – Tues Mar 20 –
- ▶ #8 – Wed Mar 21 – Scrimmage
- ▶ #9 – Sun Apr 8 –
- ▶ #10 – Sun Apr 15 – Part 2 Test Review

- ▶ *Attempting to get Cage Work / Pitchers Clinic added to schedule

Rules Interpretations (NFHS)

Rules Interpretations

- ▶ **SITUATION 1:** With a runner on second base and one out, the batter attempts to check his swing on a 3–2 count. As the pitch skips by the catcher, the batter takes off for first base. The plate umpire eventually checks with the base umpire as to whether the batter checked his swing (in which case it would be ball four) or if the batter did swing at the pitch (in which case it would be strike three). As the batter runs through first base, the base umpire answers the plate umpire by announcing that the batter did not swing, that he successfully checked his swing. The catcher throws the ball to the first baseman, who tags the batter as he directly returns to first base.
- ▶ **RULING:** The batter is not out. A batter–runner who reaches first base safely and then overruns or overslides may immediately return without liability of being put out provided he does not attempt or feint an advance to second. This applies to base hits as well as a base on balls. (8–2–7)

Rules Interpretations

- ▶ **SITUATION 2:** The home team gives the home plate umpire and the opposing team its lineup card at the plate conference. No one notices that only eight players are listed to bat in the lineup. The pitcher is the defensive position that was not listed. In the bottom of the second inning, the ninth batting position comes to bat and the starting pitcher gets in the batter's box. At that time, the visiting team calls "Time," and shows the plate umpire that the ninth player for the home team is not listed. The visiting team's head coach argues that the game should be forfeited or the opposing coach should be ejected or the team must bat for the rest of the game with only eight players and each time the ninth position comes to bat an out must be called.
- ▶ **RULING:** The omission should have been caught by the umpire and the coaches at the pre-game conference before the game. However, knowing that it is the pitcher who was left off the lineup, the plate umpire should allow the lineup card to be corrected by adding the pitching position and putting the starting pitcher in the spot. The game continues with no penalty to the home team. (1-1-2, 4-1-3)

Rules Interpretations

- ▶ **SITUATION 3:** Adams is the catcher for the home team and is to lead off in the bottom of the third inning. Smith pinch-hits for Adams and hits a lead-off single. The home team's head coach legally re-enters Adams into the game and then requests to have a courtesy runner run for Adams. The opposing coach argues that this is not legal.
- ▶ **RULING:** This is legal. Smith was not the catcher of record the last half-inning the home team was on defense and, as a result, a courtesy runner cannot run for him. But the coach may choose to re-enter Adams, the catcher of record, and have a courtesy runner run for him. (Case Book CR 17)

Rules Interpretations

- ▶ **SITUATION 4:** Several members of Team A are wearing plastic wristbands in support of a cause for one of their team members. They were told that these bracelets are not considered jewelry.
- ▶ **RULING:** Plastic bracelets are jewelry and shall not be worn. (1-5-12, 3-3-1d)

Rules Interpretations

- ▶ **SITUATION 5:** With one out and a runner on third base, the defense is warming up a pitcher in its bullpen, which is located inside the fence in live-ball territory along the left-field fence. A ball from the bullpen gets past the bullpen catcher and goes to the fence to the left of the catcher. Meanwhile, the pitcher throws a wild pitch that gets past the catcher and goes to the fence to the right of the catcher. The catcher retreats to the fence, picks up the bullpen ball and throws it to the pitcher covering the plate for an apparent out on the runner advancing home.
- ▶ **RULING:** The runner is safe. Only the game ball can be used to record an out. (1-3-1)

Rules Interpretations

- ▶ **SITUATION 6:** The home team's pitcher, when he comes to the mound to pitch, brings his personal rosin bag with him. At the end of the half-inning, the pitcher picks up his rosin bag and takes it to the dugout with him.
- ▶ **RULING:** This is not legal. The same rosin bag must be made available to both teams. The home team pitcher may use his rosin bag only if he leaves it on the mound for the opposing pitcher to use. [3-3-1 f(4)]

Rules Interpretations

- ▶ **SITUATION 7:** A team has renovated its field with artificial turf throughout the playing area. At the home plate area, a “normal” plate was not put in. A part of the turf was painted the legal size and placement of a home plate. Is this legal?
- ▶ **RULING:** Yes, this is legal for a home plate. (1-2-10)

Rules Interpretations

- ▶ **SITUATION 8:** R3 and R2 are on base with one out. B1 hits a single to the outfield. R3 scores and R2 is thrown out at home for the second out. B1 misses first base and ends up on second base. The defense appeals that the batter–runner missed first base and the appeal is upheld for the third out. Does R3’s run count?
- ▶ **RULING:** No, it does not count. A run does not count if the runner advances to home plate during action in which the third out is made by the batter–runner before he touches first base. (9–1–1 a)

Rules Interpretations

- ▶ **SITUATION 9:** The visiting team arrives for the game with all fielders wearing camo sleeves. The pitcher had black compression sleeves. The home team's coach complains that this is not legal as all players must be dressed the same.
- ▶ **RULING:** Camo sleeves worn by a pitcher are not allowed. Other players on the team may wear camo compression sleeves provided they are approximately the same length and are not ragged, frayed or slit. (1-4-2)

Rules Interpretations

- ▶ **SITUATION 10:** A pitcher has a black compression sleeve that comes to his elbow on his non-pitching arm and a dark-colored compression sleeve that comes to his wrist on his pitching arm.
- ▶ **RULING:** This is legal. (1-4-2)

Next Meeting

Monday Feb 19, 2017
6:00pm

Central Catholic High School
Enter Door #8

