

2024 Umpire Classroom Quiz 1-Rules Changes

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1. Players from a team are wearing information about defensive shifts/offensive plays/and other game instructions on their belt. Is this legal? **Answer- NO**
2. The pitcher is wearing a wristband on the non-throwing arm with defensive/pitch information attached. The wristband is a single solid color, not distracting, and has a white card listing the pitch choices Is this legal? **Answer- NO**. White card list needs to be cover by a flap or be a color other than white or gray.
3. Team A's catcher is struggling to understand signs from the dugout. He requests time and yells into the dugout, "Guys, you can't both keep sending signals!" You realize that both the head coach and assistant coach are using electronic devices to send signals to the catcher. **Answer- This is illegal**. Only one coach can have access to the device. The head coach should be warned that another violation will result in his ejection.
4. Team A uses a one-way electronic communication device to communicate from the third-base coach's box to the batter. Is this legal? **Answer- NO. One-way communication is only from coach to catcher.**
5. Team A uses a one-way electronic communication device to communicate from the dugout to the pitcher. The plate umpire notices this and warns the head coach that this is illegal. Later in the game, the Team A pitching coach is seen in the dugout using the electronic communication device to communicate with the pitcher. Who is ejected? **Answer- Head Coach and Pitching Coach are ejected.**
6. Both teams are using a one-way electronic communication device to communicate from the dugout to the catcher for the purpose of calling pitches. Team A's communication device stops working in the second inning. Is Team B still allowed to continue using its electronic communication device? **Answer- YES.**
7. Team A's catcher is wearing a one-way electronic communication device on the wrist. In the sixth inning, the catcher notices it is not working. The catcher requests time and goes to the bench to quickly exchange the faulty wristband for that works correctly. Is this a defensive conference? **Answer- NO**
8. Team A's catcher is wearing a one-way electronic communication device on the wrist. In the sixth inning, the catcher notices it is not working. Team A's coach requests time and it is granted. He then goes to the catcher near home-plate to fix the device. Is this a defensive conference? **Answer- YES**
9. With no outs and R1 on first base, B2 hits a hard ground ball to F6 playing directly behind second base. F6 fields the ball, steps on second base and throws to first in an attempt to double up B2. R1 is running standing up in a straight line to second base and is hit by F6's throw. R1 is about halfway to second base and did not intentionally interfere with the throw. **Answer- This is not a violation of the force-play slide rule. R1 cannot be expected to slide at that point in the base path. The play stands. It would also be rare that a player let thrown ball hit himself. Most players will move or turn.**
10. The umpire-in-chief may forfeit the game for infractions by spectators. **Answer- False**

2024 Umpire Classroom Quiz 2- Points of Emphasis

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1. R2 and no outs. B1 hits a single to right field. R2 rounds third base and comes home with the throw from the outfield being cut off by the first baseman. F2 was blocking the plate waiting for the ball. R2 intentionally lowers his shoulder to get through the catcher who is obstructing his path. **Answer-** This is obstruction but the obstruction is superseded by the malicious contact. The result is the run does not score, R2 is out and ejected.
2. B3 swears at F2. The umpire wants B3 removed from the game, but does not feel that he needs to be suspended for an ejection. Can he restrict B3 to the dugout for the remainder of the game? **Answer- NO**
3. The defense gives up 8 runs in the top of the first. After the inning, the coach gathers his team together in front of the dugout and tells his players to "get [their] shit together." **Answer-** This is not allowed.
4. F1 after striking out the side yells out a profanity at the opposing team. The plate umpire ejects F1. Is F1 allowed to remain in the dugout? **Answer-** Yes
5. A freshman in the dugout of the hitting team is bench jockeying and making unsportsmanlike remarks. U1 sees the player making the remarks and ejects him. The freshman remains in the dugout and keeps making comments. What should the umpires do? **Answer-** Restrict his head coach to the dugout. If his head coach is already in the dugout, eject the head coach.
6. The home team has installed a pitch clock for use during their games. They reference that the NFHS rules book establishes a 20-second time limit between pitches. Are they allowed to operate it during the game? **Answer-** No.

2024 Umpire Classroom Quiz 3- 2024 MLB Rules Changes for NFHS and Youth Baseball Umpires

<https://youtu.be/EyEebi7AJAg?si=qSDPZIXLT92WsqQZ>

1. The pitcher, with no runners on base, must pitch within ____ seconds. **Answer-** 20 seconds.
2. The pitcher, with runners on base, must pitch or make or attempt a play, including a legal feint, within ____ seconds. **Answer-** 20 seconds
3. NFHS Rules: With a runner on 1st base, F2 requests time and goes to the mound to speak with the pitcher. Is this a mound visit? **Answer-** No
4. The coach of the defensive team moves to the pitcher's mound in the eight inning after having used three charged defensive conferences in the first seven innings. Does he have to pull his pitcher? **Answer-** No
5. The coach of the defensive team has used one charged conference in the first seven innings. How many charged conferences does he have in the eighth inning where he will not have to pull his pitcher? **Answer-** 1
6. With R3 on third base, and 1 out, B2 hits a fair ground ball to F3 who fields the ball beyond first base. He throws to F2, attempting to retire R3. The throw hits B2, who is running in fair territory and does not intentionally interfere with the ball. **Answer-** This is legal.
7. With R3 on third base, B2 bunts a ball that is fielded by F2. F2 attempts to throw to F3, but because B2 is outside of the runner's lane and in the way, F2 tries to throw over B2's head. The throw goes 10 feet over the head of F3. **Answer-** This is interference, B2 is out and R3 is returned to third base.
8. B1 bunts a ball in front of home plate. F2 fields the ball and throws it to F3. The thrown ball hits B1 who is running in fair territory 30 ft. from home plate. **Answer-** This is legal.
9. B1 bunts a ball in front of home plate. F2 fields the ball and throws it to F3. The thrown ball hits B1 who is within 20 feet of first base with one foot in fair territory and one foot in foul territory. **Answer-** This is runner's lane interference.
10. At the pregame conference, the coach of the home team is explaining the ground rules. He says that since they play on a turf field that has a grass infield, the runner's lane will be widened to include the "dirt" between the foul line and infield grass. **Answer-** This is illegal.

2024 Umpire Classroom Quiz 4- Handling Substitutions

<https://youtu.be/0CxrDbXXfOs>

1. The coach of the home team, the coach of the visiting team, the official scorekeeper for the home team, and the plate umpire all have different versions of the home team's lineup that were distributed at the pregame conference. Which one will we use moving forward? **Answer-** The plate umpire's version.
2. The home team attempts to use Jackie Chiles (#99) as a courtesy runner for their catcher, Art Vandelay. The visiting team coach says the courtesy runner should not be allowed to enter because he is not on the lineup card. **Answer-**You should allow the courtesy runner to enter the game.
3. Peterman is wearing #4 and leads off in the bottom of the first inning. He reaches first base on a single. Lloyd Braun then steps into the batter's box wearing #22. At this point, the coach of the defensive team argues they are batting out of order. **Answer-**This is legal. The next batter is Lloyd Braun.
4. The outlaws are the home team and will lead off the bottom of the 5th with Pennypacker. As head coach Lippman heads to his position in the coach's box, he tells you that *if his first baseman Hernandez comes up to bat this inning, Mickey Abbott will bat in his position. The home team strikes out three times and does not report any substitutions, who is the correct 1st baseman? **Answer-** Keith Hernandez
5. The outlaws are the home team and will lead off the bottom of the 5th with Pennypacker. Pennypacker singles.

Next, Sal Weaver steps into the box and takes the first pitch for a strike. At this point, the visiting team coach informs the umpire-in-chief that Kel Varnsen is listed in the line-up and this is an illegal substitute. **Answer-** This is an unreported substitution. There is no penalty.

6. Peterman strikes out to lead off the inning. Tim Whatley, an unreported substitute, is batting for Lloyd Braun instead of Art Vandelay. After the first strike to Tim, Coach Lippman realizes Tim is not batting for the correct player. **Answer-** The proper batter is Tim. He will be followed by Art Vandelay.
7. The outlaws finish their at-bat in the bottom of the second inning. While waiting for Varnsen to come out of the dugout. Newman goes to the mound and throws a warm-up pitch to the catcher. Then, Varnsen gets to the mound and throws two warm-up pitches. The coach of the opposing team argues that Newman became an unreported substitute when he threw a warm-up pitch and must face a batter. Is this correct? **Answer-** NO
8. In the bottom of the 5th, it has become very dark, and the plate umpire requests the lights for the field to be turned on. The coach of the visiting team argues this is unfair, and they should

not be allowed to turn the lights on until the inning is complete. **Answer-**The umpire may request the lights be turned on at any point.

2024 Umpire Classroom Quiz 5- Leaving Area of Field (Dead Ball)

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1. The field does not have a fence from the furthest edge of the 1st base dugout all the way to the outfield fence. B3 hits a ball down the right field line that lands fair and rolls towards the line defining dead ball territory. The ball settles on the line defining dead ball territory, where it is picked up by F9. **Answer-** The ball should remain live when it touches the line for dead ball territory.
2. The field does not have a fence from the furthest edge of the 1st base dugout all the way to the outfield fence. F9, while attempting to catch a fly ball near dead-ball area makes the catch with one foot on the dead-ball area line and the other foot in dead-ball area. **Answer-**This is a catch and a live ball.
3. The field does not have a fence from the furthest edge of the 1st base dugout all the way to the outfield fence. F9, while attempting to catch a fly ball near dead-ball area makes the catch with one foot over live-ball territory and the other foot on the ground in dead-ball area. **Answer-** This is not a catch and a dead ball.
4. The field does not have a fence from the furthest edge of the 1st base dugout all the way to the outfield fence. B1 singles to right field and the ball rolls to a stop. F9, attempting to pick up the ball, kicks the ball into dead-ball territory. **Answer-** This is a two base award from the time of the kick.
5. The field does not have a fence from the furthest edge of the 1st base dugout all the way to the outfield fence. B1 singles to right field. The bouncing ball strikes F9 on the leg and deflects into dead-ball territory. **Answer-**This is a two-base award from the time of the pitch.
6. The field does not have a fence from the furthest edge of the 1st base dugout all the way to the outfield fence. F9, while attempting to catch a fly ball near dead-ball area, over-runs the ball and ends up in dead-ball territory. He reaches back over live-ball territory, and catches the ball over live-ball territory while his feet are in dead-ball territory. **Answer-** This is not a catch and is a dead ball.
7. B1 hits a pop-up in the infield near the first base dugout. F3 catches the ball with one foot in the dugout, and another foot in foul territory. **Answer-** This is a catch and a live ball.
8. B1 hits a pop-up in the infield near the first base dugout.

F3 leans over the dugout fence and catches the ball in the dugout while both of his feet are in flight and over live ball territory and before he has touched anything in the dugout. He then falls into the dugout. **Answer-** This is a catch and a dead ball.

9. B3 hits a fly ball to deep left field. The ball, in flight, hits off the middle of the fence, up into the air, and then over the fence. **Answer-** This is a two base award.

2024 Umpire Classroom Quiz 6- Strange Plays with Catchers and Pitchers

<https://youtu.be/INudJec6ebo>

1. F1 throws a pitch that strikes F2 on the shin guard and rolls away. The ball rolls into dead-ball territory. **Answer-** This is a one base award from the time of the pitch.
2. F1 throws a pitch that strikes F2 on the shin guard and rolls away. The ball has stopped moving and F2, attempting to pick it up, kicks it into dead-ball territory. **Answer-** This is a two base award from the time of the kick.
3. F1 throws a pitch that strikes F2 on the shin guard and rolls away. F2, seeing the ball headed towards dead-ball territory, intentionally kicks the ball into dead-ball territory. The umpire judges the ball would have gone out of play had the kick not occurred. **Answer-** This is a one base award from the time of the pitch.
4. F1 throws a pitch that strikes F2 on the shin guard and rolls away. F2, seeing the ball headed towards dead-ball territory, intentionally kicks the ball into dead-ball territory. The umpire judges the ball would NOT have gone out of play had the kick not occurred. **Answer-** This is a two base award from the time of the kick.
5. F1 throws a pitch that strikes F2 on the shin guard and rolls back towards the pitcher. The catcher takes his mask off, and uses it to scoop the pitched ball into his glove. **Answer-** This is a two base award from the time the catcher touches the ball with his mask.
6. R3, 3-2 count and 2 outs. The third strike by B1 is missed by F2. The ball lodges between his body and protector. While F2 hunts for the ball, B1 continues to second and R3 remains at third base. **Answer-** B1 is awarded first. R3 scores.
7. A pitched ball is uncaught by the catcher and gets stuck in/on the backstop padding. Prior to the catcher getting to the backstop, the ball falls to the ground. **Answer-** The ball is dead and there is a one base award for runners.
8. Bases loaded and 1 out. F1 attempts a pick-off at first while engaged to the rubber. R3 steals home on the movement. R2 is standing on second, while R1 dives back to first. The throw from F1 goes into the sleeve and jersey of R1 while R1 is diving back into the bag. **Answer-** R3 scores. R2 stays at second. R1 stays at first.

2024 Umpire Classroom Quiz 7- Throws Out of Play

<https://youtu.be/p3IAFphvtsI>

1. R2, R1, 1 out. B3 hits a ground ball to F6. F6 throws to F5 at third base. The throw would have beat R2 to 3rd base and is before R1 reaches second and B3 reaches first. The throw is deflected off F5, and rolls into the third base dugout. When the ball enters dead-ball area, R2 has rounded third, R1 has rounded second, B3 has rounded first. **Answer-** This is a two-base award from the time of the pitch. (R2 scores, R1 to 3rd, B3 to 2nd)
2. R2, R1, 1 out. B3 hits a ground ball to F6. F6 throws to F5 at third base. The throw beats R2 to 3rd base and is before R1 reaches second and B3 reaches first. F5 gets the force out and then throws across the infield to 1st base. The throw occurs after R1 has touched second, and before B3 has reached first. The throw gets past F3 and goes into dead-ball area while R1 is between 2nd and 3rd, and after B3 reaches first. **Answer-** This is a two-base award from the time of the throw. (R2 is out, R1 scores, B3 to 2nd)
3. R1, 1 out. R1 steals on the pitch. B3 hits a ground ball to F6. F6 sees R1 has already reached 2nd, and throws across the infield to retire B3 at 1st. The throw gets past F3 and goes into dead-ball area after B3 has reached 1st base. **Answer-**This is a two-base award from the time of the pitch. (R1 to 3rd, B3 to 2nd)
4. R1, 1 out. R1 steals on the pitch. B3 hits a ground ball to F6. F6 races R1 to 2nd base and R1 reaches 2nd base first. F6 then throws across the infield to retire B3 at 1st. The throw gets past F3 and goes into dead-ball area after B3 has reached 1st base. **Answer-** This is a two-base award from the time of the throw. (R1 scores, B3 to 2nd)
5. R1, 1 out. R1 steals on the pitch. B3 (D. Vogelbach) hits a sharp line-drive that bounces and is fielded by F9 playing in. As R1 heads to third base, F9 throws to 1st to retire B3. The throw gets past F3 and goes into dead-ball area after B3 has reached 1st base. **Answer-** This is a two-base award from the time of the throw. (R1 scores, B3 to 2nd)
6. R1, 1 out. B3 hits a high-fly ball to right center. F8 dives and U1 rules that it is not a catch. R1, thinking it was a catch, heads back to 1st base. F8, thinking it was a catch, throws to 1st base after B3 has reached first. R1, on his way back to first, realizes it was ruled a no-catch and heads to second base. The throw gets past F3 and goes into dead-ball area after R1 has rounded second. **Answer-**This is a two-base award from the time of the throw. (R1 to 3rd. B3 to 2nd.)
7. R1, 2 outs. R1 steals on the pitch. B3 hits a ground ball to F5 who throws across the infield to first after R1 has reached second base. The ball gets past F3, and before going out of play, is stopped by F9 using detached equipment. At the time the detached equipment touches the ball, R1 is half way to 3rd, and B3 has reached first base. **Answer-** This is a two-base award from the ball is touched by detached equipment. (R1 scores. B3 to 3rd.)

8. R1, 2 outs. R1 steals on the pitch. F2 blocks the ball in front of the plate. After R1 has reached second base, F2 retrieves the ball with his mask (detached equipment). **Answer-** R1 scores.

2024 Umpire Classroom Quiz 8- Intentionally Dropped Balls

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1. R1, 1 out. B2 hits a line drive to F4. The infielder intentionally drops the catch. **Answer-** This is an immediate dead ball. B2 is out. R1 returns to first.
2. R1, R2, 1 out. B3 hits a pop-up to F4 which can be caught with ordinary effort. F4 intentionally drops the catch. **Answer-** This is an infield-fly.
3. R1, R2, 2 out. B3 hits a pop-up to F4 which can be caught with ordinary effort. F4 intentionally drops the catch. **Answer-** This is neither and the ball remains live and in play.
4. This is neither and the ball remains live and in play. **Answer-** This is an intentionally dropped ball.
5. R1, R2, 1 out. B3 bunts a ball high into the air that F1 can catch with ordinary effort. F1 intentionally drops the catch. **Answer-** This is an intentionally dropped ball.
6. R2, R1, 1 out. B3 hits a high fly to second base which could have been caught by F4 with ordinary effort. Neither umpire declares "infield fly." F4 intentionally drops the ball. He then picks it up and throws to F5 who tags R2 who is attempting to reach third base. **Answer-** Infield Fly. Batter is out. Runners advance at own risk. Therefore, R1 is out. B3 is out. The inning is over.
7. Is this an intentionally dropped ball? **Answer-** No. First Baseman did not touch ball until after ball hit ground. So it cannot be intentionally dropped. BR is out at first. R1 is out when tagged between first and second.
8. Is this an intentionally dropped ball? **Answer-** No. Shortstop made effort to catch ball and simply dropped it, but not intentionally.

2024 Umpire Classroom Quiz 9- Missed Bases and Early Tags

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1. R2, R1, 1 out. B4 hits a long fly that appears to be uncatchable, but is caught by F8. R2 advances home. R1 fails to retouch first base, and advances to second base. The defense appeals R1 did not retouch first base. The defense then leaves the field. **Answer-** This is a legal appeal. R2 scores.
2. R3, 2 outs. B4 hits a slow roller that F1 fields headed to first. F1 dives to make the tag, and B4 evades the tag without violating any base path rules. However, B4 misses first base and runs beyond the bag. As B4 turns to return back to first, F1 throws to F3 who is on the bag. F3 appeals B4 did not touch the base. **Answer-** This is a legal appeal. B4 is out. No runs score.
3. R3, 2 outs. B4 hits a slow roller that F1 fields headed to first. F1 dives to make the tag, and B4 evades the tag without violating any base path rules. However, B4 misses first base and runs beyond the bag. B4 returns back to first. After, F1 throws to F3 who is on the bag. F3 appeals B4 did not touch the base. **Answer-** This is a legal appeal. B4 is safe. R3 scores.
4. R3, 2 outs. B4 hits a slow roller that F1 fields headed to first. F1 dives to make the tag, and B4 evades the tag without violating any base path rules. However, B4 misses first base and runs beyond the bag. R3 scores. F1, after missing the tag, has the ball fall out of his glove and roll into the dugout. The umpires call time before B4 has returned back to first. Before he can return to first and after "time" is called. The defense verbally appeals that B4 did not touch first. **Answer-** This is not a legal appeal. B4 must be allowed an opportunity to return to touch first base.
5. R1, 2 outs. B4 hits the next pitch for an inside-the-park home run. In circling the bases, B4 misses second. The defense makes a legal appeal. **Answer-** 1 run scores.
6. R1, 2 outs. B4 hits the next pitch for an inside-the-park home run. In circling the bases, B4 misses first. The defense makes a legal appeal. **Answer-** No runs score.
7. R3, R2, R1, 1 out. B5 hits a home run out of the park. While advancing to second base, B5 passes R1 who was preparing to tag up. R1 fails to touch second base, but touches third on his way home. The defense then appeals that R1 missed second base. **Answer-** 2 runs score.
8. R2, 1 out. B1 hits a line drive to right field. R2 is stealing and intentionally cuts the corner around third to score on the play. However, F9 makes a diving catch. R2, before touching home, runs back to second and touches third base on his way back. The defense appeals that the runner did not touch third base when he was headed home. **Answer-** R2 is out for intentionally missing base in an effort to cheat. Retouching 3rd in this case does not nullify the initial intention (Casebook)

9. R1, 1 out. R1 is on first base when B2 hits a fly ball to F9 who overthrows first base in an attempt to double up R1. The throw goes wild and into the dugout. R1 is awarded second base and third base. R1 does not retouch first base. The defense appeals. **Answer-** R1 is out. R1 should have retouched both first base and second base on way to awarded third base.
10. R3, 1 out. B4 hits a fly ball into left center. R3 positions to tag up on the play. F7 dives for catch. His glove contacts the ball in flight, and R3 leaves to score. As F7 falls to the ground, his glove bounces off ground and the ball goes up into the air, where F8 catches the ball. The ball never contacted the ground and F7 never completed the catch. The defense throws to F5 and appeals R3 did not legally retouch after the ball was caught. **Answer-** B4 is out. R3 scores.

2024 Umpire Classroom Quiz 9- On the Field to First Pitch

1. What is the proper positioning for the National Anthem? **Answer-** Option 1 with PU behind right batter box and BU behind left batter box.

2. Is this catcher legally and properly equipped for NFHS baseball? **Answer-** No



3. What is the minimum number of baseballs required to start the game? **Answer-** 3
4. When does umpire jurisdiction begin? **Answer-** When the umpires go onto the field.
5. Is this delivery above legal for NFHS Baseball? **Answer-** No. When pivot foot is parallel to rubber, pitcher is in set position, not wind up.
6. Is this glove legal for a pitcher? **Answer-** No
7. A light rain has been falling for about an hour as the teams take the field. The field is currently still in safe condition. The bullpens are located on the field in foul territory. Can the bullpen mounds remain tarped while the game is being played? **Answer-** No
8. When is the earliest the umpire-in-chief can determine a field unsuitable for play due to weather. **Answer-** After calling "play" to start the game.
9. How many players are allowed outside of the offensive dugout and swinging bats between innings. **Answer-** 2
10. Between innings, can the defensive team send bench players down the line to the outfield to throw/warm-up? **Answer-** Yes, so long as it does not delay the game.
11. What does the umpire-in-chief say to start the game? **Answer-** "Play."

12. Which of the following are required to be in position for the umpire to put the ball in play to start the game? **Answer-** Pitcher, Catcher, Batter, Infielders.

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