

# Oregon School Activities Association

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## One Rule, One Mechanic, One Interpretation

Welcome to the 2017 softball season. Players, coaches, and officials alike are already getting to work on the softball fields throughout the state. Games started as of March 14, 2017.

I hope you have been busy getting through the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) high school registration, and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) testing process. Along with completing this process, you must complete the annual OSAA concussion awareness training on-line. This allows your local commissioners and assigners to check the system and validate you're ready for an assignment.

Here are just a few reminders to get started with the season ahead.

1. Check your uniforms and protective equipment.
2. Know your rules and mechanics before you are tested on the field of play.
3. Make sure the new rule 3-2-15 is being followed. All equipment shall be placed outside the dugout for inspection. Do some preventative work early in the year if the teams are not getting this done. Simply remind them of the new requirement.
4. Review the DP/FLEX rule so you are comfortable in its use when applied in a game situation.
5. Do some self-assessment as the weeks roll past to see if you are improving in your mechanics and rule application. We need to find areas for improvement as the year progresses just like the players do. At the end of the year we must be ready for playoff softball.

There was a very successful OCEP certification hosted by Mid-Valley Softball Association at South Albany HS on March 4<sup>th</sup>. 42 umpires were certified/recertified for playoff assignment availability.

The final OCEP Clinic for 2017 will be on May 21<sup>st</sup> at Crater HS in Central Point. The Rogue Valley Umpires Association will host this event. Please contact David Vazquez at [umpdavid@charter.net](mailto:umpdavid@charter.net) (541-261-7046) if you are interested in getting your OCEP certification completed this year. Remember that all umpires must complete the Principals course within the first three years. This can be done on line or in your local association meetings.

Thank you for umpiring and have a great 2017 season!

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