

Oregon School Activities Association

Softball SRI Bulletin / April 27, 2017

Umpires and Administrators,

We are right at the half way point of the 2017 softball season. I hope you are successfully getting your games completed. As we all know it has been a challenge to complete some games and, in some cases, even get them started with wet spring weather. Administrators have had their hands full with rescheduled games and interrupted contests this year. Please keep up the effort to complete all games.

Remember it is our responsibility to keep an accurate and legible line-up card in the case of an interrupted contest. Those cards are turned in to the home book for the next crew to use. Note all runner positions and scores with both coaches before you leave the field or play. Please notify your commissioner immediately.

Important Reminders:

- **POE's – Please Review**
 - **Pitching (Rule 6-1 ART 1 - page 48)** The pitcher must take (or simulate taking) a signal from the catcher, prior to pitching. This shall be done with the pivot foot on or partially on top surface of the pitcher's plate and the non-pivot foot in contact with or behind the pitcher's plate. Both feet must be on the ground within or partially within the 24-inch length of the pitcher's plate. Remember the use of wristbands is a POE included in this rule.
 - **Player Uniforms (Rule 3-2 ART 1,7, A, B, C, 15 - pages 31,32,33)** There are several new or modified rules concerning player uniforms. Please review and apply them when and where necessary.
 - **DP/FLEX (Rule 3-3 ART 1-10 - pages 33,34,35)** DP/FLEX must be declared at the plate conference, if being used during that contest. Once legalized by the plate umpire accepting the line-up cards only then changes can be made to continue with 10 players in the line-up, or make a line-up change dropping down to 9 players. Additionally, teams can begin substations from that point forward.

Rule Questions sent to the SRI this season: Please review and make sure we know the rule and penalties.

- **Rule 3-6 ART 6 (page 38)** – This defines who can and can't be in the game. Also defines what activity can take place while the contest is taking place. (i.e.) No one can hit balls behind the dugout or take batting practice while the game is being played.
- **Rule 3-6 ART 7 (page 38)** – Players and substitutes shall not enter the contest unreported.
- **Rule 5-1 Table (page 44, 45)** - Dead Ball Tables. Review the dead ball tables often. This will reinforce your knowledge when accessing a penalty, or awarding bases.

Training Opportunities: Listed below are the two OCEP training and certification opportunities this season.

- May 12, 2017 – **Newly Added** – Pendleton High School, 3:00 PM-8:00PM (Friday Night)
 - Contact: Rick Jaggars at jaggs27@yahoo.com or 541-969-6330 for sign-up information.
- May 21, 2017 – Crater High School, Central Point, Oregon, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
 - Contact: John Graham at umpirejohn@charter.net or 541-840-19432 for sign-up.