

Oregon School Activities Association

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One Rule, One Mechanic, One Interpretation

Umpires and Administrators:

We are quickly coming to an end of the regular season games. I'm hope you are having a great season so far. The weather has finally cooperated with getting game is as scheduled.

Here are some reminders to review going into the critical games coming up in May.

We are responsible for several critical elements of getting games in and administering them after we assume the field of play.

Field Conditions:

Make sure you are checking the playing field before the contest begins. We need to make sure the playing field is ready for the contest at hand. Once the game is under way it is the umpire's responsibility to judge the fitness of the field condition. Rule 4 Section 1 Art 6.

DP/FLEX:

If the team is using this rule be sure to go over the line-up card and give them a chance to look it over again before accepting it as official. Remember corrections can be made before they are ruled official without a warning or penalty. Line- up cards must contain team members participating with first initial and last name, jersey number, and defensive position and batting position. A warning is issued when a coach adds anyone after the official line-up is accepted. Rule 3 Section 1 Art 3

Game Management:

Keeping your game moving is an important part of getting a good flow to the contest. Make sure you are following the 1 minute or 5 pitches between innings. Rule 6-2

It is our responsibility to keep accurate line-up cards. We are the official record in the contest. There should never be a lack of attention to this detail because it matters to the schools, athletes and to the administrators of these schools.

Interrupted Contest:

Should there be an interrupted contest we must have an accurate accounting of all changes, batting order, substitutions, as well any player eligibility. We must be able to send those line-up cards, along with the home book that is signed to the next umpire crew with legible and understandable writing.

<http://www.osaa.org/docs/sbl/BaseballSoftballInterruptedContestProcedure.pdf>.

Playoffs are right around the corner. Please work your games with focus and develop your skills so we are putting the best product on the field. Thank you for providing a service to the schools, student athletes, and your local association.

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