

Oregon School Activities Association

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One Rule, One Mechanic, One Interpretation

Umpires and Administrators:

We are coming into the play-in, and playoff games in your local associations. This is an exciting time for the student athletes, their schools, and for us the umpiring crews. We must be at our best with ability and focus when we officiate these critical games. Here are some important reminders going in to these critical games.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

> Interrupted Contests:

a. If fewer than 4 and 1/2 or 5 innings have been played, the contest shall be continued from the point of interruption.

b. If 4 and 1/2 (home team ahead) or 5 innings have been played and the score is not tied, the contest is declared an official game.

c. If play has gone beyond five full innings, teams have had an equal number of completed turns at bat and the score is tied, the contest shall be continued from the point of interruption.

d. If play has gone beyond five full innings and is called when the teams have not had an equal number of completed turns at bat, the score shall be the same as it was at the end of the last completed inning, unless the home team in its half of the incomplete inning, scores a run (or runs) which equals or exceeds the opponent's score, in which case, the final score shall be recorded when the game is called. If the score was tied at the end of the last completed inning, the contest shall be continued from the point of interruption.

e. Be sure to note all game situations in the official book, and on your line-up cards. Turn the line-up cards over to the home score book, and notify your commissioner as soon as you leave the field.

> **10-Run Rule:** WILL be in effect for all OSAA playoff games.

> **Tie-Break Rule:** WILL be in effect for all OSAA playoff games, beginning in the 10th inning.

> **Lightning Policy:** Make sure you know the OSAA Lightning Policy prior to the contest.

> **Rain Delays:** For games on grass fields, umpires should wait a minimum of 30 minutes. For games on artificial turf fields, umpires should wait a minimum of 60 minutes.

> **Rule 10 Section 1 ART 2:** Umpire judgment begins upon the arrival of one umpire within the confines of the field and ends when the umpires leave the field of play at the conclusion of the game. Be sure all umpire crews are aware of field and playing conditions. Please use informed accurate judgement while administering these important contests and judging playing conditions.

SRI Note:

I have had the pleasure of working with Cindy Simmons, Assistant Executive Director of softball for OSAA over the past many years. Cindy is retiring this year. I personally will miss her excellent guidance and leadership. I'm sure OSAA will find someone to take on her responsibilities, but there is no one that can replace her. Best of luck in retirement.

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