



Coordinators' Conference Call

April 6, 2011

Interpretations

1. 90-Second Interpretation—
When can the umpire start a half-inning early? Interpretation: When both teams are ready (offense and defense) and the 90-seconds has not expired, the umpire may go ahead and begin the half-inning. However, should the offense not be ready early, these points must be satisfied.
 - a. The batter does not need to hurry up any more than the normal time (90-seconds) to get ready to hit.
 - b. The umpires should not make the hitter get ready early ahead of his allotted time. The hitter is bound by the 90-second rule, as is the defense.
 - c. The defense cannot unilaterally make it shorter just because they are ready early.
 - d. By starting some innings early and some innings close to the 90-second protocol, there is not a consistent flow to the game and one team should not be allowed to use starting early to their competitive advantage.
2. Ejection prior to a pre-game plate meeting between the head coaches and the umpires:
 - a. Player: Up to the time the UIC accepts the line-up cards for the current game; treat any ejection of a player as a Post Participation Ejection.
 - b. Coach: Post Participation Ejection
3. How to handle a pitcher who allows his cap to fall off during each pitch to a hitter.
 - a. Umpires are to consider this a distraction to both the umpire and the hitter. It is up to the UIC to correct this before continuing the contest.
4. Catcher stepping on or in front of home plate to receive a pitch in his attempt to put out a runner stealing home before the batter has an opportunity to swing.
 - a. Treat as catcher's interference. A balk is charged to the pitcher, the ball is dead, the run is scored and the batter is awarded first base on the interference.
5. Head Coach choosing not to attend the plate conference of the first game of a series or any nonconference contest.
 - a. After a warning, if the head coach still voluntarily chooses not to attend the plate meeting, the head coach is ejected.
6. Bat warmers
 - a. Testing is ongoing. Nothing has been presented by the testing laboratories.

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7. Color of pitcher's glove.
As announced in the Feb. Coordinator's call and on the NCAA Central Hub, tan is an approved shade of brown.
8. How many games may be played in a single day?
For weather related issues ONLY: Regular season scheduling should not schedule three games in a single day.
 - a. Unless Conference rules prohibit, three games in one day are acceptable and all three games may be 7 or 9-innings or a combination of both in length. Considerations should be given to the umpire crew when scheduling three games in a single day. If possible, provide a second crew to umpire the one of the three games.
9. Official Line-up card
 - a. The player's name is required and numbers are recommended. Numbers should be provided to allow clearer player identification from the field to the press box. Coaches are requested to communicate any changes to the press box and/or official scorer.
 - b. Coaches are requested to include all eligible substitutes, with their numbers, on the lineup cards presented to the UIC at the plate conference.

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