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MEMORANDUM

TO: Baseball Coaches, Conference Baseball Administrators, Coordinators of Umpires and Umpires.

FROM: Jim Paronto, secretary-rules editor
Baseball Rules Committee.

SUBJECT: Between Innings Clock Clarification.

Several conference coordinators and coaches have requested clarification regarding the new rules that govern the between innings timing. To assist with the consistent application of this rule, the rules committee is making a clarification.

Effective immediately, the 90-second pitch clock will be started when the last defensive player has crossed the foul line nearest his dugout. This clarification should eliminate some inconsistency across the country when the umpire is to start the clock. This ensures the proper amount of time for the pitcher to complete the warm-up throws, while also maintaining the spirit and intent of the rule.

Thank you for your attention to this communication and good luck this season.

JP:nb

cc: Baseball Rules Committee
Selected Staff Members

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