4-7-22 Umpire Webinar Q&A Transcript

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Question	**Answer**
If the illegal pitch is because of the non-pivot being planted outside the pitcher's plate after the pitch, is it a delayed deadball.....can the result of the pitch stand?	**yes**
As you see it happen the first time. call time and explain to the pitcher and their coach what is correct. After that if they continue to do it wrong then call illegal	**I would do this even in varsity early in the season. Tell them once then call the illegal pitch.**
please don't go looking for illegal pitches. too many umps make it up and cause grief for the rest	**We just all need to call what is there. Thanks**
Thank you.	**You got it.**
thats not delayed dead ball, call illegal before the delivery. ball on the batter?	**What isn't delayed?**
Is the "pause" a one count (or some other "time") or simply "long enough" to ensure teh batter is ready?	**one sec**
Another common one that people do is use the start back position and then step back from there.	**you got it buddy.**
a pause is what you think it is but be fair	**hands together for not less than 1 second**
We had some coaches tell us it was alright to start back and then take another step back last year. Crazy right?	**Once you start every step is forward. Could be correct in college maybe..Yes crazy**
Do you still want the umpires to use the crew cards?	**Yes or sign the book**
do you do this question for both during pregame when you bring up spotmanship	**Yes Let everyone kow you expect good sportsmanship**
can the flex play defense for any offensive player	**Just wait we will answer that one for you.**
how many warm up pitches does the flex get now that she is re entering?	**In the same inning 0. Otherwise 5**
Can they use a courtesy runner for the piitcher if she did not bat to get on base??	**no if I understand your question**
Courtesy runner also cannot "pinch run" or hit in the same 1/2 inning that they were a CR... good tip is to right the inning they CR in as well.	**got it**
do you recommend using "x" to indicate "left the game" and "circle" to indicate re-entry?	**whatever works for you so you know**
The DP can play defense for any position except the flex without anyone leaving the game. Correct?	**that is true**
Need to make sure everyone can understand it - especially when there are games that are suspended. next umpire needs to be able to read what has happened	**Exactly correct**
so the flex cant go in and bat for another player other then the pitcher even if they drop the dp/flex and remove the player they want her to bat for	**That is true**
On a pitch, what if the pitcher steps back exactly at the same time she separates her hands?	**Must be before hands come apart**
Is there a signal for a running lane throw that hits the runner before reaching the running lane?	**the safe signal tells everyone you have nothing**
explain rule 8-6-13 runner interfernce on altering fielders postion on initial play. Can there be non contact interference?	**Yes if don't throw to first because runner coming in interferes you could have out with no contact. So yes**
And, the look back rule is in effect even if the pitcher is looking at a different runner. Correct?	**Answered best I could but would say she is not making a play on them**
Is there a distance, before the running lane, that would be interference if the runner is in fair territory?	**Anything intentional would be interference**
For any batter. once they hit the ball, and are going to first, can the batter-runner for any reason go towards the dugout or on-deck circle as they are trying to run to first? so within the first 10 to 15 feet out of the batter's box	**. Not if not allowing the defense to make a play no problem. not sure why they would do that**
time between innings - 60 seconds. keeping this time is key to keeping games shorter	**yes**
Should an umpire pro-actively correct a lineup with a coach if they notice an un-reported defensive substitution? IE should the upire ask the coach if they wanted to re-enter someone if the coach didn't first report it to the umpire?	**do it in a positive way**
How many games do require before the game	**Don't understand? explain**
Show count after stolen base	**good**
Give count to partner after a steal	**good**
i show my partner the count on a stolen base	**good**
When do you start the “time between innings?”	**after the last out of the inning**
Whatdo you do if a coach who doesn’t like your judgement call threatens you with a bad recommendation?	**you just keep working hard. that happens to all of us**
This counts as attending a clinic?	**Yes**
You need to wear a hat under the mask?	**yes**