

# Managing the Game And improving your Umpire skills

*For the game's sake*

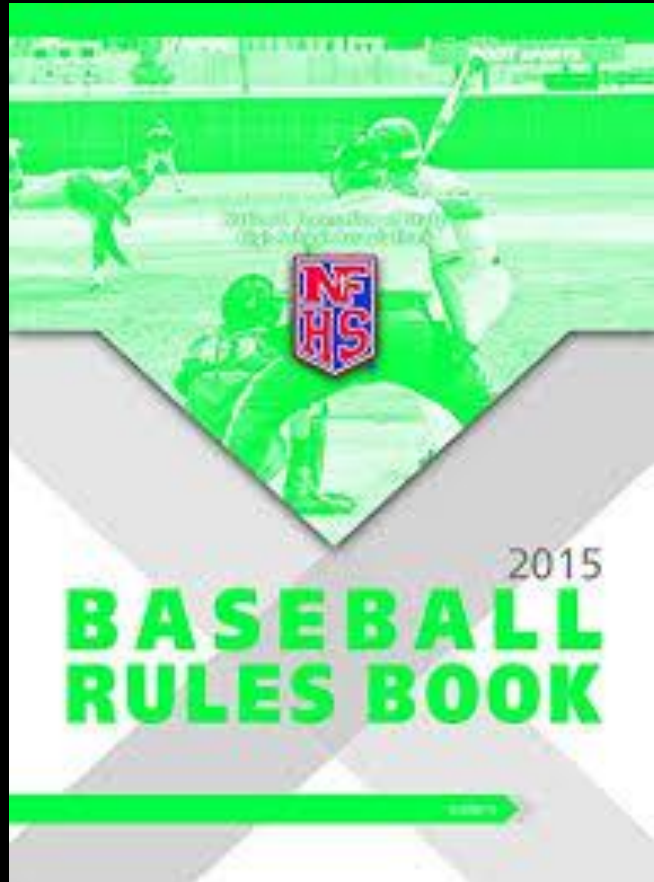


# GAME MANAGEMENT

## WE COMPLAIN ABOUT HOW LONG SOME GAMES TAKE

- **Be on time (1/2 hour before game – at game site)**
  - Report in to home team
  - Be at plate 10 mins before game for conference
- **Between innings**
  - Hustle to position
  - Keep players moving
  - Count pitches – 2 left tell hitter and pitcher
  - Don't meet with partner (unless needed)
  - Don't sit in dugouts, talk idly with coaches or fans
  - Make sure paperwork is done

# UMPIRE'S RESPONSIBILITIES



- Game management
  - Pace of the game
  - Line-up Card
- Follow the Code of Ethics
- Get the calls right
- Know the rules
- Ignore the crowd
- Know the mechanics of the game
- Train to improve

# PLATE CONFERENCE



- Introductions
- Team representative?
- Line-up cards
- Legally equipped?
- Medical personnel ?
- Ground Rules
- Special Events
- Questions?

| NO. | PLAYER      |          | RE | POS. |
|-----|-------------|----------|----|------|
| 14  | 1           | Abel     |    | 7    |
|     | SUB.        |          |    |      |
| 9   | 2           | Baker    |    | 4    |
|     | SUB.        |          |    |      |
| 12  | 3           | Charles  |    | 8    |
|     | SUB.        |          |    |      |
| 44  | 4           | Daniels  |    | 3    |
|     | SUB.        |          |    |      |
| 32  | 5           | Edwards  |    |      |
|     | SUB.        |          |    |      |
| 17  | 6           | Franklin |    | DH   |
|     | SUB.        |          |    |      |
| 24  | 7           | George   |    | 9    |
|     | SUB.        |          |    |      |
| 2   | 8           | Hamilton |    | 5    |
|     | SUB.        |          |    |      |
| 19  | 9           | Irwin    |    | 2    |
|     | SUB.        |          |    |      |
| 6   | 10          | Jones    |    | 1    |
|     | SUB.        |          |    |      |
| NO. | SUBSTITUTES |          |    | POS. |
| 11  | Knutson     |          |    |      |
| 28  | Larson      |          |    |      |
| 35  | Matthewson  |          |    |      |
| 1   | Nelson      |          |    |      |
|     |             |          |    |      |
|     |             |          |    |      |

**Player's Name**

**Player's Number**

**The name is the official record**

**Player's Position**

**How do we want the DH Listed?**

**Substitutions**

# UMPIRE / COACH INTERACTION



- Who can 'discuss' issues with the umpires?
- Which umpire should he go to?
- What kind of calls can be discussed?
- Warnings?
- Chirping from dugout

# GIVING WARNINGS



- Don't say - “one more word” or “not another word”
- Can use a look, “coach I hear you” or “that’s enough” for a subtle reminder that you hear them.
- Say “coach, this is your warning” and write it down
- Write down all warnings, restrictions and ejections on the line-up card
- Need to report restrictions and ejections
- Ejection report should include all warnings issued.

# CONVERSATIONS WITH THE COACHES

- Body language
- Let coach speak first
- Don't let them repeat
- Tone of your voice?
- Volume of your voice?
- Actions





**WHAT DO YOU SEE HERE?**



*Pablo Lopez*  
PALM BEACH PHOTOGRAPHY

# PARTNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- Keep it one-on-one
- Get within ear shot
- Step in after partner turns his back
- Escort coach after restriction or ejection
- Do not touch coach or players



# 10 WAYS TO STAND OUT

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# AS A BASEBALL **Umpire**

INSTAGRAM | ULTIMATEBASEBALLTRAINING

1. Put in the extra work
2. Be coachable
3. Use good body language
4. Be a team leader
5. Do everything hard
6. Be a great teammate
7. Take pride
8. Play with passion
9. Learn from failure
10. Make Adjustments

## LET'S SUM IT UP

- Remember this is High School Baseball
- NFHS rules (warnings) are written to keep everyone in the game.
- Treat coach with respect – leave the past in the past
- Be professional – you are representing yourself, the EMBUA and the State board.



**ANY ADDITIONAL  
QUESTIONS ?**