

Anticipate the play, not the call.

- * It's about what's right not who's right.
- * If you don't know, ask for help.
- * Keep the discussion time to a minimum.
- * Once the decision is made, inform the coach or coaches based on the rule and move on.
- * When discussing a rule decision with a coach, have a witness. Your partner.
- * If you aren't sure of a rule, don't try to explain it.

6- Answer questions not comments.

Reacting to comments, more often than not, "results in a no win situation" for an umpire.

- * Don't have rabbit ears.
- * Don't allow a coach to embarrass you or the crew.
- * When addressing a coach, keep your emotions under control. Two things happen when you allow a coach to "get to you".
- * The coach has accomplished their goal.
- * It's becomes more difficult to focus on the task at hand.

Use the ARE philosophy.

A-ADDRESS

R-RESTRICT

E-EJECT

7- Pace of play.

- * Keep the game moving.
- * Don't allow players to control the pace of the game. * Give signals to your partner in a timely manner.
- * Having 2 ball bags can prevent the possibility of the game coming to a stand still.

8- Obstruction-A defensive player "NOT in possession of the ball" may "NOT" impede the progress" of a runner or batter runner who are legally running the bases."

Signal is a delayed dead ball.

Enforce the rule. 8-4-3b and penalty.

9- Tag up situations.

- * Cover the responsibilities in your pre-game conference.
- * Have a plan for communicating "that you didn't see the play".
- * Plate umpire, make every attempt to "always have an opinion".

10- Don't leave the field if there are pending situations that may effect the outcome of the game.

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