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Rules

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Obstruction: The act of a Defensive team member:

A. Who hinders or impedes a batter from striking at or hitting a pitched ball.

B. Who impedes the progress of a runner or batter-runner who is legally running

the bases unless the fielder is;

1) in possession of the ball.

2) in the act of fielding a batted ball.

NOTE: Contact is not necessary to impede the progress of the batter-runner

or a runner.

CANNOT HAVE FIELDERS STANDING ON BASES OR NEXT TO BASES IF RUNNERS ARE RUNNING TO THE BASE UNLESS FIELDER IS ABOUT TO RECEIVE THE BALL.

Interference: The act of an offensive player or team member, umpire or spectator that impedes, hinders, or confuses a defensive player attempting to execute a play. Contact is not necessary.

Applicable to the league play that will be utilizing the extended line from second base towards center field position: In a force play situation, if the defensive player has position of the ball or is immediately about to receive the ball the runner "MUST" run to the outside line at second base, failure to do so will result in an automatic "OUT" on the runner and batter runner for interference on the play. However, if the runner is prevented from running to the outside portion of the base by any infielder the call will be obstruction on the defense and appropriate rule enforced. On non-force out plays the batter runner must be tagged out by the defense.

Collisions: Contact between defensive and offensive players does not necessarily mean that Obstruction or Interference occurred. The field is laid out in such a manner that it puts the defensive and offensive players on a collision course.

Consider the following:

1) Did the Offensive player alter their direction in a way to draw contact with the Defensive player in a attempt to draw an Obstruction call?

2) Did the Defensive player alter their attempt to field the ball to draw and interference call?

3) Could the Defensive Player actually make a play?

4) Did the Defensive Player have possession of the ball?

Batter's Box: 6" from home plate, 3ft wide by 7ft long: 4 ft in front of a line drawn through the center of home plate. When there are no batter's box lines, it's umpires judgement and the benefit of the doubt should go to the

batter. If the batter's foot is on or in front of plate that is an automatic out.

Umpires will be instructed to use good judgement on calling batter's out. Senior slow pitch, if the ball hit's the front of the plate it's a

strike. Batter's are at a disadvantage and these rules are implemented at all Senior tournaments we will take this in consideration.

Infield Fly Rule: Infield fly rule is, when declared by the umpired , a fair fly(not including a line drive) that can be caught by and infielder with ORDINARY effort when runners are on first and second or all three bases are occupied and before there are two outs in the inning. Any defensive player positioned in the infield at the time of the pitch shall be considered an infielder for the purposes of this rule. The rule does not preclude outfielders from being permitted to make the catch. The ball is live, the batter is out, which removes the force, but runners may advance at their own risk. The runners may tag up and advance as soon as the batted ball is touched by a fielder. If declared infield fly becomes foul, it is treated as a foul ball, not an infield fly. IN HS FASTPITCH IT STATES WHEN INF FLY IS NOT INITIALLY CALLED, THE BATTER RUN IS DECLARED OUT IF BROUGHT TO THE UMPIRES ATTENTION BEFORE NEXT PITCH

RECOMMEND THAT YOUR LEGACY DIVISION GO TO 65 FT OR 60 FT BASES. IN 2013 ASA CHANGED IT TO 70 FT. FIELDS @ OGDEN ARE PLAYED BY GIRLS FAST PITCH TEAMS I BELIVE THAT MOVING THEM TO SIXTY FT WOULD BE EASY BECAUSE THE ANCHORS FOR BASES ARE ALREADY THERE. I DON'T KNOW IF ALL FIELDS ARE USED FOR GIRLS FAST PITCH. WE WANT THEM TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND NOT GET INJURED OR FRUSTRATED ON THROWS AND RUNNING LONGER DISTANCES.

WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT ANY PLAYER EJECTED IN THE FIRST GAME NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY IN SECOND GAME OF A DOUBLEHEADER, (ONE EJECTION LAST YEAR IN REGULAR SEASON.)

PLAY-OFFS: WOULD LIKE LEAGUE TO MANDATE ANOTHER UMPIRE ESPECIALLY FOR CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY. HAVE @ LEAST TWO BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AT GAME.