

Memorandum # 8

Date: April 18, 2010
To: Foothill-Citrus Umpires
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From: Ken Allan
Re: Memo #8 2010 Season

- **ROUTINE FLY BALLS**—It has been reported that both the plate and base umpire have signaled on routine fly balls to the outfield. First, remember we don't signal routine fly balls and second, we need to know our fly ball responsibilities.
- **GIVING THE COUNT**—It is not necessary for the base umpire to give the count unless asked by the plate umpire.
- **MECHANICS**—Any time there is a runner at 2nd and/or 3rd base, the base umpire must be in the "C" position.
- **MECHANICS #2**—In a one or two man crew, the plate umpire must get out from behind home plate when the ball is hit. In a one man game that means out near the pitcher's mound. In a two man game it means moving down the first base line on a play at first, near the pitcher's mound on most fly balls and to 3rd base on 1st to 3rd situations.
- **BATTING PRACTICE**—I had a question regarding a team taking batting practice before a game. A team is not allowed to take batting practice before a CIF playoff game. Other than that, it is a league issue.
- **CHECKED SWINGS**—Don't make the mistake of not going for help, when asked, when your partner is in the "B" or "C" position. We all know the worst look is from the middle of the infield. However, U1 is expected to make the call. Your job as plate umpire is to go for help when asked. Your partner's job is to call it the best he can.
- **KEEPING THE GAME MOVING**—Take a moment to go to the www.cbua.net website, go to CIF Online and navigate to the "Keeping the Game Moving." link. Make a point to use the guidelines and you may find that your games will move along considerably faster. In fact, it is not a bad idea to occasionally review all of the items on the CIF Online link.
- **RATING SYSTEM**—A huge thank you to Jeff Young who has the online rating system up and running. By now, you should have received an email which has your password for logging on to the system. His email address is also available if you need help. The deadline for submitting ratings is midnight Sunday, May 9.
- **WARM WEATHER**—With the onset of warm weather, it is important to be sure you are well hydrated before the game. If you are well hydrated before the game, you should not need much, if any, water during the game. Umpires are encouraged to do this rather than bringing a water bottle to the game site. If you do need water during the game, it is permissible to go to one of the dugouts and get some water. As an aside, trainers will tell you that in most cases, water consumed during the game will not have the same beneficial effect as water consumed prior to the game.