

# Memorandum # 9

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Re: Memo #9 2010 Season

- **UNANNOUNCED SUBSTITUTES**—There is no penalty for an unannounced substitute. The first time it happens, remind the coach that he needs to inform you of substitutions.
- **PREGAME MEETING**—Another reminder to please do not “wing it” with the pregame meeting with your partner. A workable pregame meeting is available at the [www.fcbua.org](http://www.fcbua.org) website under the “Tools” link. Either use this pregame or use your own, but please let’s be professional and cover the material adequately.
- **LINEUP EXCHANGE**—I am still seeing umpires allowing the coaches to separate the lineup cards and distribute them at the home plate meeting. Repeating the sequence: Take the lineup and ALL copies from the home coach first. Then, take the lineup and ALL copies from the visiting coach. DO NOT allow the coaches to separate the copies. Examine the home card and copies for: 1) Player numbers 2) Make sure all positions are listed 3) An initial for players with the same last name. Take your time. Then hand one copy of the home lineup to the visiting coach and keep the original for yourself. Repeat the process with the visiting coach.
- **AMATEURISH BEHAVIOR**—Let’s face it. An umpire cannot change a lifelong habit just by reading amateurish behavior material. That is why it is necessary to review this material now and again to become totally familiar with its contents. It is understandable that lower level umpires, who have worked a lot of youth ball, will have a more difficult time because of previous bad habits. However, when lower level umpires start working with partners, amateurish behavior practices will be a rating element.
- **SUMMON BATTER PROCEDURE**—We are doing a very good job with this. Please continue the good work. This is just another tool we can use to keep the game moving.
- **GAME ARRIVAL/START TIME**—A reminder that the first arriving umpire at a varsity game and the umpire at a lower level game is required to inform the home coach that the umpires are at the game site. Umpires should be on the field by no later than 15 minutes prior to the start of the game to check equipment, then to go over ground rules. Sometimes the game start will be delayed because of circumstances beyond the umpire’s control. If the game starts late, let’s be sure it is not because of the umpires. Wait off the field until the pregame meeting.
- **INDICATORS**—I am still seeing a lot of umpires looking at their indicator way too much. There is no need to look at your indicator after you advance one of the wheels. If you notch your indicator wheels at “0”, there is no reason to look at it after your clear it. Work on this.
- **CHARCOAL GRAY PANTS**—Are the required pants. Umpires are doing themselves and Foothill-Citrus a disservice by not complying. If you have not yet purchased charcoal gray pants, please do so as soon as possible. This is a rating item in a two man game.