Memorandum #6

Date: April 4, 2010
To: Foothill-Citrus Umpires
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From: Ken Allan
Re: Memo #6 2010 Season

- EJECTIONS—We have had some ejections, however, in reading the reports all ejections have been warranted and were submitted in a timely manner. Just a reminder, please use the ejection form from the FCBUA website www.fcbua.org

- LOWER LEVEL COACHES—A reminder that lower level coaches are not allowed to wear shorts in the coach's box. I noticed this in a game from another association. I introduced myself to the umpire after the game and told him what a good job he did. I then asked him about the coach. He said he was trying to be a good guy and told the coach to be sure to wear the correct uniform the next game. Does anyone reading this seriously believe the coach will do that? The fastest way to make coaches comply with the rules is to follow the rule and restrict him to the dugout.

- COACH'S BEHAVIOR—There was an incident involving F-C umpires where it appeared two coaches were about to physically assault each other. When this happens, the umpires must immediately get there and do one of two things: 1) Restrict both coaches to the dugout or eject them. Don't just penalize one coach without penalizing the other, unless it is clear one coach is the instigator.

- DUGOUT RULE—Keep up the good work. Coaches appear to be making a good faith effort to follow the rule. However, occasionally monitor the coaches to be sure the continue to comply throughout the game.

- BAT CHECK—I observed a lower level game outside our area where the umpire came onto the field, went directly to the visitor's dugout and engaged in a lengthy discussion with the visiting coaches. He then proceeded to the home plate meeting WITHOUT checking bats and helmets for either team. He was not only unprofessional, but he left himself wide open for legal action should something happen involving a bat. Please continue to check bats and helmets.