

Memorandum # 3

Date: March 14, 2010
To: Foothill-Citrus Umpires
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Re: Memo #3 2010 Season

- **THE START OF AN INNING**—There is no need for the plate umpire to point to his partner at the beginning of the game or at the start of the inning to be sure he is ready to go. If the base umpire is not ready, for whatever reason, he is expected to let the plate umpire know.
- **PAUSE IN ACTION**—By the same token, it is not necessary for the base umpire to point to the plate umpire after a timeout. For example, a player coming off a base to dust himself off or a pitcher putting on a team jacket. The plate umpire is not expected to put the ball in play until he is sure the player is back on the base and is ready to go and that his partner is back in proper position.
- **NFHS UMPIRE MANUAL**—Get in the habit of reviewing the material. It has some excellent guidelines for umpires, both veterans and newer umpires alike. Also, be sure you are familiar with two man mechanics.
- **AMATEURISH BEHAVIOR**—From the games I have observed, we are doing a much better job in avoiding amateurish behavior. Sometimes it is difficult to change lifelong habits. However, umpires who want to move up in the organization are expected to make that effort. Please refer to this link on the www.cbua.net website and familiarize yourself with its contents. This is a rating item.
- **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**—A question came up about a JV player coming over to play in a Freshman game. The CIF-SS rule is that, yes he can. The rule is that no player can play on two levels, JV and Freshman or Varsity and JV, on the same day.
- **LINEUP CHANGES**—Be sure that any lineup changes are immediately reported to the opposing head coach. If there is a PA announcer, you may also inform the announcer after notifying the opposing coach. Please be consistent in doing this.
- **DUGOUT RULE**—Let's continue to work hard in enforcing this rule. It appears that coaches are finally starting to get it. They are starting to get it only through the work of umpire crews who insist that the coaches follow the rule. Keep up the good work.
- **COACHES IN THE BULLPEN**—It is permissible for a coach to be in the bullpen when a pitcher is warming up, whether or not the bullpen is in live ball territory. The coach is not allowed to communicate in any way with defensive players.
- **RATINGS**—The board has yet to decide whether to use Arbiter or the FCBUA website to rate umpires. Until a decision is made, it is recommended that umpires use their printed schedule to make notes and rate umpires.