

Memorandum # 2

Date: March 7, 2010
To: Foothill-Citrus Umpires
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From: Ken Allan
Re: Memo #2 2010 Season

- GAMES ON MEETING DATES—Umpires who have 3:15 p.m. games are expected to attend the meeting.
- A reminder that each umpire is required to download and print Classroom Test #2 and bring it to Monday's meeting. Also, there are a number of umpires who have not downloaded their pictures to Arbiter. Please do so. The instructions are at www.fcbua.org.
- DUGOUT AREA—Both umpires should take a look at the area near the dugout entrance. Some dugouts have a cement pad which extends toward home plate. This is a dead ball area for safety. It is not meant to be used for coaches. It is also a good idea for both umpires to decide how they intend to enforce the dugout area to the extent of how far they will allow coaches to stand near the field and still be within the confines of the dugout.
- LOWER LEVEL GAME LIMITS—In all non-varsity contests, no new inning will start after two and one-half hours have elapsed from the start of a regulation game (five innings or four and one-half innings with the host team ahead in the score). In any night baseball game, no inning will be permitted to start after 11:30 p.m., with the exception of the CIF Southern Section championship game. The plate umpire must have a watch and must note the start time on the back of his lineup card.
- COMPOSITE BATS—Are legal for high school baseball, provided the bat has the BESR label.
- SUMMON BATTER—Remember that the umpire must be on the side of the team at bat to use the summon batter procedure. Let the on deck batter and the pitcher know when there are two pitches remaining. Be sure the lead off batter is ready to go.
- WATCHING B/R TOUCH FIRST BASE—If the base umpire goes out, the plate umpire is responsible for watching the b/r touch first.
- SCOREBOARD—If the scoreboard is wrong, correct it after no more than two pitches. This is especially true if the number of outs is incorrect.
- FLY BALLS—On a caught fly ball, do not turn away until you are sure the fielder has control of the ball. If you have to watch a runner tag up, see the catch, take a quick look to see where the runner is, then get your eyes back on the ball.