

Throughout the season I will be posting memos to address issues that have come to my attention. Please be sure your unit members are aware of these situations either by email (preferable since you members will have a hard copy) or discussion at your meetings.

TO: CIF Baseball Instructional Chairmen  
FROM: Ken Allan, State Interpreter  
RE: In Season Memo #1  
DATE: March 26, 2007

#### HEAD COACH RESPONSIBILITY #1

By rule, if the head coach is at a game site, he is required to attend the pregame meeting with the opposing coach and the umpires at home plate. If you are unfamiliar with a team's coaching staff, ask the coach if he is, indeed, the head coach. I have been asked what is the procedure if the head coach is in the bullpen, etc. My answer is simple. Tell the assistant coach that the head coach is required to be at the home plate meeting. Hopefully, that will resolve the issue. However, if a team refuses or delays, I would suggest that the head coach be ejected and removed from the facility for delaying the game. Although remanding a coach to the dugout is an option, I believe the harsher penalty would be in order in this circumstance.

#### HEAD COACH RESPONSIBILITY #2

There have been reports that pitching coaches or assistant coaches have come onto the field to argue balk or other calls. Remember, by rule, the head coach is the only official spokesman for the team. In the event an assistant engages an umpire, he should be told that the umpires will only talk with the head coach.

#### COURTESY RUNNERS

Courtesy runners are often used in tournament games. However, it is up to each individual league and/or section as to whether courtesy runners are used.

#### PROTESTS

Please advise your umpires that ALL umpires must get together and discuss a protested play. There have been instances where a protest was lodged and the other umpire was not aware of it until after the game. In another situation, the protest was accepted even though it was not lodged in a timely manner as specified by rule. Had the other umpire been consulted, hopefully, the protest would have been denied because it was not correctly lodged.

Please have your umpires review protest procedure on page 62 of the handbook. The protest procedure for one man games is outlined on page 57 of the handbook.

## MEDICALERT BRACELETS

Medicalert bracelets and religious medals are not considered jewelry. Here is the rule:

1-5-12

"Jewelry shall not be worn except for religious or medical medals. A religious medal must be taped and worn under the uniform. A medical alert medal or bracelet must be taped and may be visible."

## WARMUP BATS

These warmup bats are legal:

