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With the state playoffs upon us here are a few things to consider.

Accept your role in an unassuming manner.

Maintain confidence and poise, controlling the contest from start to finish.

Never exhibit emotions or argue with participants and coaches when enforcing rules.

Do your part to promote sportsmanship within your association and among schools.

Be consistent in your approach to every game.

SPORTSMANSHIP MATTERS

Field Markings: The umpire-in-chief's duties include inspecting equipment and the condition of the field (10-2-3a). Make sure that the field markings are correct and complete for the contests.

When a dugout area is extended, for any reason, it shall be extended toward the outfield on a line parallel to the foul line. The extension of the dugout area shall be equally applied for both teams (1-2-4).

Media: U-I-C check with the game site manager and see the media are accommodated.

Media shall be prohibited from being in live-ball area. If a designated media area is to be used, it shall be established before the game begins. The home team or game management shall designate a lined area for the media, which shall be considered dead-ball area (1-2-8).

The ball becomes dead immediately when a batted, thrown or pitched ball touches a designated media area. The umpire has the authority to remove any member of the media for not staying in or keeping their equipment in the designated media area (5-1-11).

1-2-8 SITUATION A: During the game, a photographer positions himself in foul territory beyond first base to take pictures. The umpire tells him he must return to dead-ball territory. The photographer says he would prefer that the umpire designate an area in live-ball territory for him to shoot. RULING: If an area has not been established for the media prior to the game, then the media shall not be permitted on the field in live-ball area. A dead-ball area shall not be established once the game begins. The responsibility for media dead-ball area is the home team's or game management.

1-2-8 SITUATION B: Designated media areas are determined and properly chalked before the game. During the game (a) a thrown or batted ball touches or lands in an occupied designated media area, (b) a thrown ball passes through the designated media area in flight, (c) a fielder outside the designated media area reaches over the plane of the designated

media area to catch an overthrow or foul fly ball. RULING: In (a) the ball is dead immediately. A designated media area is a dead-ball area, even though it may not be occupied. Therefore, it is recommended that the media areas be located in an area of the field least likely to affect play. In (b), the ball remains live. In (c), a fielder may reach into the designated media area or "break the plane" of the designated media area to field a ball, provided the ball has not touched the designated media area or anything inside the designated media area.

UNIFORMS/ COACHES

Coaches and players must be in proper uniform.

OPTIONAL SPEED UP RULES: Optional speed-up rules will not be in effect for the state playoffs and the championship finals.

10-RUN RULE: The 10-run rule will not be in effect for the state playoffs and state championship games.

BASEBALLS: Must be the Wilson A1010-pro baseball with NFHS marking. This is the official baseball of the OSAA.

Three Man Umpire Mechanics

Please refer to the SRI Bulletin #5, Three Man Umpire Mechanics found online at the OAOA web site. www.oreofficials.org

GROUND RULES: Make sure that all ground rules comply with the 2010 NFHS Rules Book.

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