**MVSUA Card Questions (3)**

**Meeting (4) March 19, 2017**

1. Player R1 is on 1B. Batter (B3) hits a line drive single to the outfield? Runner R1 runs and touches 2B, but for some reason runs back towards 1B. The defender, F8, throws the ball to 2B where the shortstop (F6) touches the base. Runner R1 then runs back to 2B and stands on top of the base without being tagged by the shortstop (F6). Is runner R1 safe or out? Why?
   1. It is a Force Out. The runner turned back towards the previous base by leaving the succeeding base so it is still a force out.
   2. Rules Book, Section 2-24-4, pg. 22
2. With R3 on 3B and no outs, a batted ball is **hit** high in the air towards the pitching circle. The ball hits the ground within the pitching circle and slowly rolls into foul territory, where it remains. No defender touched the ball. However, before the ball goes foul the batter/runner makes it to 1B and R3 scores from 3B. Is this correct?
   1. No, it is a foul ball. If the ball was not touched by the defense before going foul, it does not matter if runners make it to first base or score. It is a foul ball.
   2. Rules Book, Section 2-25-1A, pg. 22
3. R1 on 1B and R2 on 2B with one out. B3 is at bat and bunts a pop fly in the air towards F4 (defensive second baseman). F4 drops the ball and all runners have advanced to the next base. B3 is also safe on 1B. The defensive coach asks for time so he can talk to the umpire about the infield fly that just happened. He says the batter should be out, due to the infield fly, and the runners should return to their bases occupied at time of the pitch. Is the coach correct?
   1. No. A bunt is never considered an infield fly. The batter and runners are safe because the ball is live. Recall that on an infield fly the runners can still run, but do so at their own peril.
   2. Rules Book, 2-30, pgs. 26-27, Case Book 2-30 Situation A, pg. 15
4. Who can be a Substitute?
   1. Any player not listed on the lineup as starter, but who may legally replace a starting player.
   2. Rules Book, Section 2-57-1 pg. 28
5. What is an Unreported Substitute?
   1. An Unreported Substitute is a substitute who has a legal right to participate in the game, but has not reported to the umpires prior to her participation.
   2. Rules Book, Section 2-57-2 pg. 28
6. What is an Illegal Substitute?
   1. An Illegal Substitute is a player who enters or re-enters the game without eligibility to do so (illegal re-entry); a player who re-enters the game in the wrong position in the batting order.
   2. Rules Book, Section 2-57-3 pg. 28
7. Can substitutes be projected?
   1. No.
   2. Case Book, 2-57-4-Situation B, pgs. 17 – 18.
8. In the third inning, with 2 outs, the Team B (offensive) coach notices 3 players on defense that did not report in as substitutes. He calls a timeout while his batter is at bat to notify the plate umpire. How is this handled? Is the coach charged a timeout?
   1. The umpire shall issue a team warning to the coach of the team involved and the next offender on that team shall be restricted to the dugout/bench for the remainder of the game. For a second violation, the coach is also restricted to the bench for the remainder of the game. The coach is not charged a timeout for this.
   2. Rules Book, Section 3-6-7, See Penalties, pg. 38
9. In the sixth inning, with 2 outs, runners on 2B and 3B, the batter/runner (B1) hits a double that scores both base runners. The team A coach (Defense) notices the batter/runner who just hit the double was ejected in the third inning. Before the next pitch, he calls a timeout to notify the plate umpire. How is this handled? Is the coach charged a timeout?
   1. The ejected player is considered an illegal substitute. She is ruled out and any subsequent outs, if any, stand. Runners not put out return to base(s) occupied at time of pitch. The proper batter is considered to have lost her time at bat. The illegal substitute is also restricted to the dugout/bench while her head coach is given a warning for this first infraction. The defensive head coach is not charged a timeout. Insure the coach and his team are ready to play once you have figured all of this out or you may have to charge the defensive head coach a timeout.
   2. Rules Book, Section 3-4 (all), also See Penalty Art. 2