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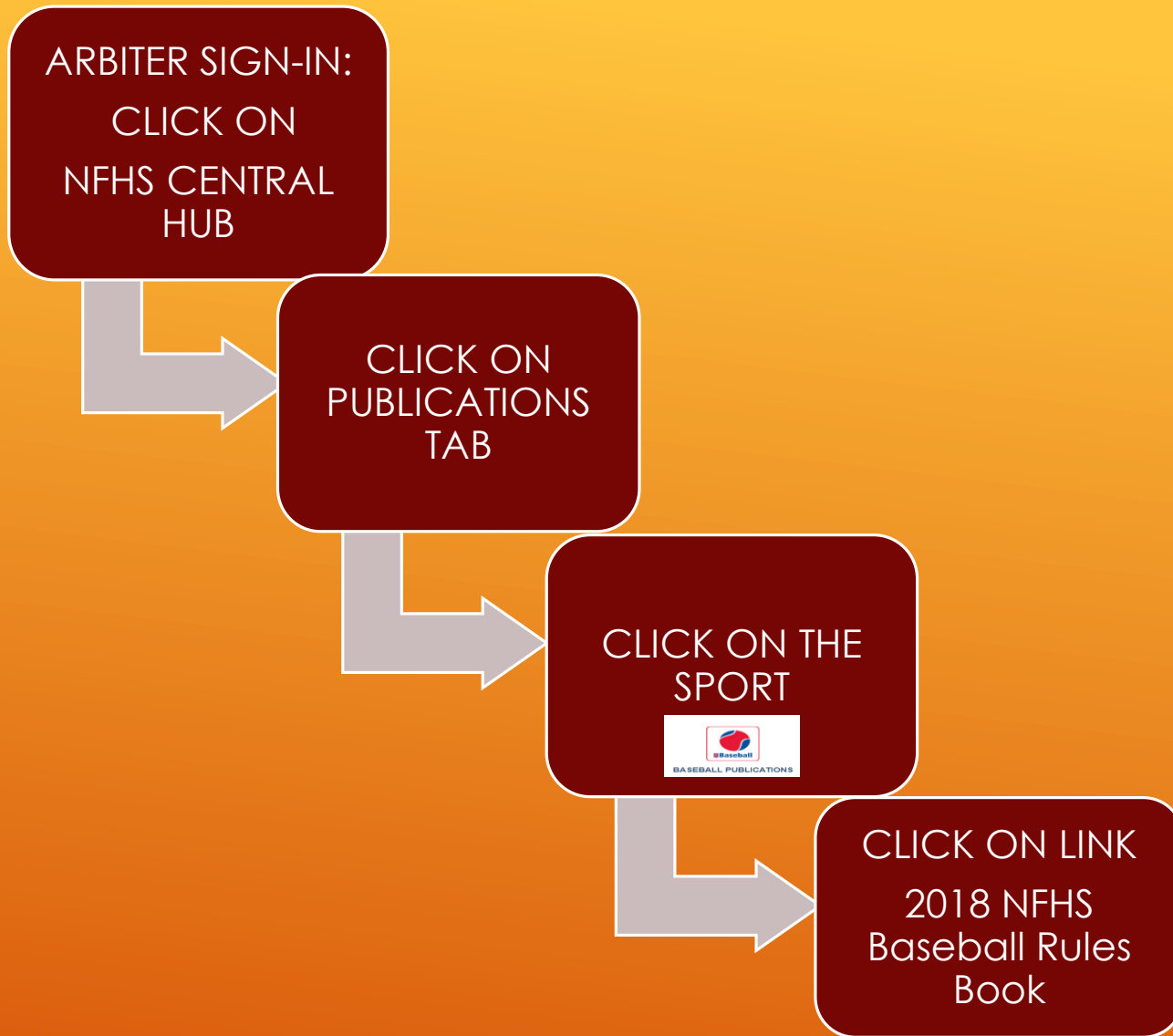
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











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ART. 5 . . . When constructing a new field for high school play, the distance from home plate to the nearest obstruction on fair ground should be at least 300 feet down the foul lines and at least 350 feet to center field. It is recommended that the line from home plate through the pitcher's plate to second base run east-northeast. This line, using a steel tape or a strong tape or a cord, must measure 127 feet, 3 3/8 inches from the rear tip of home plate to the middle of second base. The catcher's box, home plate, bases, coaches' boxes, batters' boxes, and three-foot running lane shall be as in Diagram 2, above. The recommended width of a foul line is 2 1/2 inches.

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Rule: 3-3-1

ART. 1 . . . A coach, player, substitute, attendant or other bench personnel shall not:

- a. leave the dugout during a live ball for an unauthorized purpose;
- b. fake a tag without the ball;
- c. carelessly throw a bat;
- d. wear jewelry (players participating in the game) or wear bandannas;
- e. hit the ball to players on defense after the game has started;

PENALTY: At the end of playing action, the umpire shall issue a warning to the coach of the team involved and the next offender on that team shall be ejected. In (b), it is also obstruction (8-3-2).

- f. commit any unsportsmanlike act to include, but not limited to,
 1. use of words or actions to incite or attempt to incite spectators demonstrations,
 2. use of profanity, intimidation tactics, remarks reflecting unfavorably upon any other person, or taunting or baiting. The NFHS disapproves of any form of taunting.
 3. use of any language intended to intimidate,
 4. behavior in any manner not in accordance with the spirit of fair play;
 5. being in live ball territory (excluding team's bullpen area) during the opponent's infield practice prior to the start of the game.

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Rule: 8-1-1

ART. 1 . . . A batter becomes a runner with the right to attempt to score by advancing to first, second, third and home bases in the listed order when:

- a. he hits a fair ball (2-5-1);
 1. He becomes a batter-runner when entitled to run.
- b. he is charged with a third strike;
 1. If third strike is caught, he is out an instant after he becomes a runner.
- c. an intentional base on balls is awarded, or a fourth ball is called by the umpire;
- d. a pitched ball hits his person or clothing, provided he does not strike at the ball; or
 1. If he permits the pitched ball to touch him (7-3-4), or if the umpire calls the pitched ball a strike, the hitting of the batter is disregarded except that the ball is dead. It is a strike or ball depending on location of the pitch.
 2. If a batter's loose garment, such as a shirt that is not worn properly, is touched by a pitched ball, the batter is not entitled to first base.
- e. the catcher or any other defensive player obstructs him. The coach or captain of the team at bat, after being informed by the umpire-in-chief of the obstruction, shall indicate whether or not he elects to decline the obstruction penalty and accept the resulting play. Such election shall be made before the next pitch (legal or illegal), before the award of an intentional base on balls, or before the infielders leave the diamond. Obstruction of the batter is ignored if the batter-runner reaches first and all other runners advance at least one base.
 1. Any runner attempting to advance (i.e., steal or squeeze) on a catcher's obstruction of the batter shall be awarded the base he is attempting. If a runner is not attempting to advance on the catcher's obstruction, he shall not be entitled to the next base, if not forced to advance because of the batter being awarded first base. If obstruction is enforced, all other runners on the play will return to base occupied at time of the pitch. The batter is awarded first base, if he did not reach base.
 2. If obstruction is not enforced, all other runners advance at their own risk.

Rule: 8-2-5

ART. 5 . . . If a runner who misses any base (including home plate) or leaves a base too early, desires to return to touch the base, he must do so immediately. If the ball becomes dead and the runner is on or beyond a succeeding base, he cannot return to the missed base and, therefore, is subject to being declared out upon proper and successful appeal.

PENALTY (Arts. 1 through 5): For failure to touch a base (advancing and returning), or failure to tag up as soon as the ball is touched on a caught fly ball, the runner may be called out if an appeal is made by the defensive team. The defense may appeal during a live ball immediately following the play and before a pitch (legal or illegal), granting an intentional base on balls, or before the next play or attempted play. If the offensive team initiates a play before the next pitch, the defensive team does not lose the right to appeal. A live-ball appeal may be made by a defensive player with the ball in his possession by tagging the runner or touching the base that was missed or left too early. A dead-ball appeal may be made by a coach or any defensive player with or without the ball by verbally stating that the runner missed the base or left the base too early. Appeals must be made (1) before the next legal or illegal pitch; (2) at the end of an inning, before the pitcher and all infielders have left fair territory; (3) before an intentional base on balls is granted; or (4) on the last play of the game, an appeal can be made until the umpire(s) leave the field of play. NOTE: When a play by its very nature is imminent and is obvious to the offense, defense and umpire(s), no verbal appeal is necessary, e.g. runner attempting to retouch a base that was missed, or a failure to tag up and a throw has been made to that base or plate while a play is in progress.

Rule: 8-2-6

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