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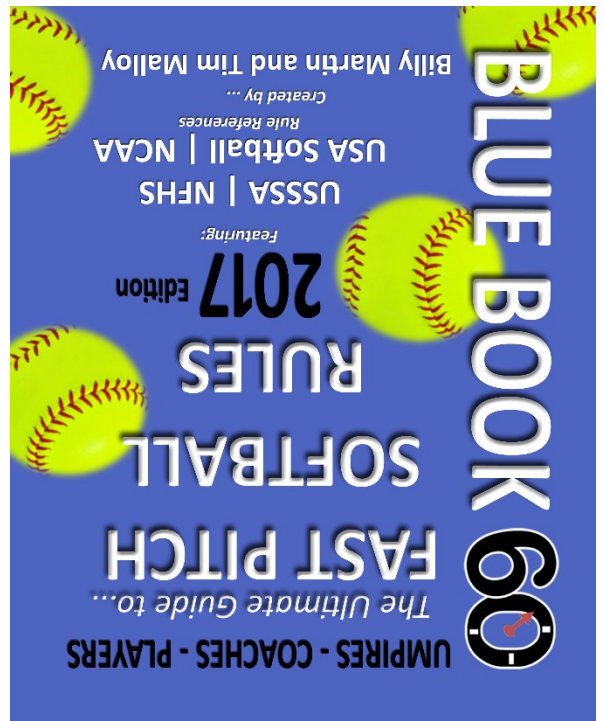
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## Fastpitch Pregame Discussion Points – 2 Person Crews

### Basic Umpire Responsibilities

- Batted Balls
- Fair/Foul
- Catch/No Catch
- PU** -Plays at Plate / When Cover 3B?
- Illegal Pitch – Lane / Hands
- Batter-Runner Tag Plays Halfway

- Runners Touch
- All Plays at 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>
- BU** -Batter-Runner @ 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Initial Play from IF @ 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Illegal Pitch - Feet

### Special Rules

- Tie breaker? Inning?
- Run Rule?

### Fly Ball Coverage / Chase

- PU unless BU Chases
- BU Chase Situations:

- 1B Line in A Position
- Trouble Fly Balls Only

- BU** -BU (B / C Pos.) – Chase the V
- Make OF Come Toward You
- BU No Return After Chase
- BU Turn and Observe

## Tag-Up Responsibilities

**PU**

- All Tags at 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Lead Runner with Multiple Runners On-Base
- All Tags if BU Chases

**BU**

- All Tags at 1<sup>st</sup>
- All Trail Runner(s) Tagging with Multiple Runners On-Base
- No Tags if Chasing

## Leaving Base Early

**BU**

- Dead ball (NFHS / ASA / USSSA)
- Delayed Dead Ball (NCAA)  
Options - (Discuss / Present)  
*With no defensive violation*  
*With defensive violation*

## **PU** Two Person Crew -- Special Situations **BU**

### Help from Partner

- Checked Swing (Catcher)
- Pickoff Attempts
- Missing Piece of Puzzle
- Procedure  
*Crew Confer Alone*  
*Calling Umpire Give Decision*

### Confrontations/ Ejections

- Discuss Play Made Only
- Make Coach Ask Question
- Partner Intervene as Needed
- Proper Escort Procedure

## Checked Swings

**PU**

- Procedure
- Asked by Catcher
- Asked by Others

## Pickoff Coverage

**BU**

- Runner @ 1<sup>st</sup> – BU in C-Position?  
Be Ready to Help (if asked)

## Umpire to Umpire Signals

**PU**

- Dropped/Caught 3<sup>rd</sup> strike
- Infield fly On/Off
- Two Out / Timing Play

**BU**

- Request # of Outs?
- Request the Count
- Between Inning Positions

## Leaving the Field of Play

- Know the Route Before Start
- Crew Leaves Together
- No Contact / Talking
- Move Directly to Car / Lockers
- Post Game Review Off Field

## How the Crew Will Handle

- Look Back Violations
- Run Down Plays
- Interference / Obstruction
- Dugout Decorum
- Unruly Spectators
- Bat (and Helmet) Checks