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### **Umpires – Ejections**

Couple things as we have gotten into the season.

1. If you eject a spectator, player or coach then we need to know about it. Fill out an unusual situation report as soon as possible after the game.
2. It is not the umpire's job to determine if the player or coach is participating in the subsequent game. Umpires are not involved in that decision. Again, no umpire should tell a coach or school administrator if the player is able to play in a subsequent game after an ejection.

### **Umpires – Pitch Counts**

Umpires do not get involved in pitch counts. Again, umpires do not determine the pitch count rule or try to interpret the pitch count rule. That is a school administration task.

### **Marking the Field – Runner's Lane**

Schools need to make sure they are properly marking the 45-foot runner's lane for every game. It is a critical part of the field.

### **Umpire Zoom Meetings**

Starting this week, we will have Zoom meetings periodically to watch video and discuss rules/mechanics. Umpires will receive emails with the Zoom dates/times.

### **Covering the Rules of Baseball**

**SITUATION:** There is one out with runners on third and first bases. The batter hits a double, easily scoring the runner from third base. The runner from first misses second on the way to third. The batter-runner touches first base and touches second but is tagged out in an attempt to return to second base. The defense now successfully appeals the runner from first missing second base. How many runs score?

**RULING:** The runner from first was forced at the time second base was missed, so the appeal is a force out. If a runner is forced to a base when he missed touching the base, the appeal is a force out. No runs score since this third out is a force out. (9-1-1b)