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The following situations have occurred in the last week. Please review:

Attempted Bunt?

Any movement of the bat toward the ball when the ball is over or near the plate area, is a strike. The mere holding of the bat in the strike zone is not an attempt to bunt. Take a look at rule 10-1-4a for the language in the rules book. Also 7-2-1 situation b in the NFHS case book.

Lodged Ball in Catcher Equipment

With a runner on first attempting to steal second on the pitch; The pitch gets lodged in the catchers equipment. The umpire shall call "time." This is a one base award from the time of pitch. Therefore the runner would be put on second base.

Attempted Steal of Second – Ball Four

If there is an attempted steal of second base, on a pitch that is ball four, obviously the batter-runner is awarded first base and the runner at first is forced and awarded second base. Keep in mind that the field umpire may not know it was ball four and if the catcher throws to second he will make a ruling on the play at second. If an out is called, the plate umpire needs to call "time" and clarify that it was ball four and be sure the runner is awarded second base appropriately.

Suspended Game – Pitch Counts

Take a look at and review pitch count situation as it relates to suspended games

<https://www.kshsaa.org/public/baseball/pdf/pitchcountsituations.pdf>