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Let's Talk Courtesy Runner

Traditional 9-person lineup: You may have a courtesy runner for the pitcher and catcher when they become a runner.

Traditional 10-person lineup with DH: You may have a courtesy runner for the pitcher and catcher when they become a runner.

Player/DH 9-person lineup: You may have a courtesy runner for the catcher when they become a runner. You may not have a courtesy runner for the Player/DH no matter what defensive position they are playing. Any runner entered would be considered a pinch runner (substitution).

In all cases: The same individual runner may not be used for both positions (pitcher and catcher) during the game.

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Umpires shall record all courtesy runners to avoid possible violations.

Running Lane Interference?

What constitutes calling running lane interference? Look at Rule 8-4-1g. You will notice the two conditions that follow the rule. Umpire and coaches need to be aware that the umpire will error on the side of interference because umpires have to determine if indeed the runner caused interference on the throw. That is why it is best to coach players to stay in the running lane.

The batter-runner is out when the batter-runner runs outside the three-foot running lane (last half of the distance from home plate to first base), while the ball is being fielded or thrown to first base;

1. This infraction is ignored if it is to avoid a fielder who is attempting to field the batted ball or if the act does not interfere with a fielder or a throw.
2. The batter runner is considered outside the running lane lines if either foot is outside either line

Starting Pitcher Reenter

The starting pitcher has reentry just like any other starter. The only thing that would prevent him from coming back to pitch is if he was substituted for due to injury, illness or pitch count allotment of 105.

NFHS Survey

All head coaches and umpires were sent a survey link via email yesterday. Please complete the survey as it is important for those individuals that will analyze possible rules changes. The survey is due April 29.

Team Picture

Be sure to have your team picture complete. It will be required to submit your passgate/roster for postseason.