

DEFENSIVE CHARGED CONFERENCES

Key Points:

- 1- In a seven-inning game, a total of **THREE** defensive conferences are permitted without penalty.
- 2- In an extra-inning game, only **ONE** defensive conference is permitted per inning without penalty.
- 3- If a pitching change is made in any situation, it does **NOT** count as a charged conference.
- 4- Any defensive conferences in excess of the prescribed limitations require that the pitcher be removed as pitcher for the duration of the game.

OFFENSIVE CHARGED CONFERENCES

Key Point:

- 1- In all situations, only **ONE** offensive conference is permitted per inning.
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Notes:

- 1- No conference is charged on either offense or defense if a coach is checking on an incapacitated player.
 - 2- If one coach requests and is granted a conference, the opposing coach may **ALSO** have a conference that is **NOT CHARGED**, provided that he concludes it in concert with his opponent.
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Situations: (True or False)

- 1- With none out in the top of the sixth inning, Coach of Team A requests and is granted a defensive conference. He has previously had two charged conferences. He decides to make a pitching change. After the second out of the inning has been made, Coach of Team A requests and is granted another conference. Coach of Team A **MUST** again make a pitching change.

- 2- As play begins in the bottom of the fifth inning, the Coach of Team B has already used three defensive conferences. During the bottom of the fifth, Coach of Team A requests and is granted an offensive conference to confer with B1. During this conference, Coach of Team B comes out to speak his pitcher. This is permissible.

- 3- In the top of sixth inning, P1 is removed from the game as pitcher as the result of the Coach of Team A requesting his fourth charged conference of the game. The game continues into extra innings and Coach of Team A wants to bring P1 back into the game as pitcher in the top of the ninth inning. This is permissible.
- 4- In the top of the second inning, Coach of Team A requests and is granted a defensive conference to speak with his pitcher. Coach finishes his conference and is walking back to the dugout but has not yet crossed the foul line when he suddenly pivots and jogs back to the mound to remind his pitcher of one additional thing. This is permissible and no second conference is charged.
- 5- In the top of the seventh inning, Coach of Team B requests and is granted an offensive conference to speak to B1. Later in the same half inning, R2, who is on second base, asks for time and heads toward third base to confer with Coach of Team B. Umpire should step in and deny this conference.