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BASEBALL PRE-GAME WITH PARTNER

Presented on Tuesday, March 17th 2009 at Paramus Catholic High School

- (1) AS THE HOME PLATE UMPIRE I KNOW WE CAN BOTH CALL balks; infield fly rule; or kill anything in the "box;"
- (2) **WITH NO RUNNERS ON BASE**, if the ball is thrown to **FIRST BASE**, I WILL ALWAYS COME UP HALFWAY UP THE LINE. If you are **UNSURE** if the fielder **MADE AT TAG** or if he was **ON THE BAG** come to me: **IF NOT, WE WILL "LIVE OR DIE BY YOUR CALL"**

So ask: (A) **"Do you have a tag?"**
And I will reply 1. "Yes I do!"
2. "No, I do not!"

Or ask: (B) **"Was he on the bag?"**
And I will reply 1. "Yes, he was!"
2. "No, he was not!"

You will then make the call with the appropriate signal.

- (3) **AN OBVIOUS TRIPLE WITH NO RUNNERS ON BASE:**
(A) I will be at **3rd base**
(B) You will cover home plate when **the runner clearly commits to 3rd Base**

So, if for some reason the runner commits to 3rd Base **and then he has to come back to second** -

I WILL HANDLE (A) A "rundown" between 2nd and 3rd
(B) The play at 2nd base
WE WILL HANDLE (A) A "rundown" between 3rd and Home Plate

- (4) **WITH NO RUNNERS ON BASE**, I will feed off of you
(A) If **YOU GO OUT ON A FLY BALL FROM CENTER FIELD ONTO RIGHT FIELD**
I WILL HAVE THE 1. Throw back to first
2. The play at second base
3. The play at third base
YOU WILL COVER HOME PLATE WHEN THE RUNNER COMMITS TO THIRD BASE
- (B) If **YOU COME INTO THE INFIELD ON A FLY BALL HIT TO THE OUTFIELD**, I WILL HAVE "CATCH" OR "NO CATCH," YOU WILL HAVE ALL PLAYS ON **FIRST AND SECOND BASE**
- (5) **WITH A RUNNER ON FIRST BASE AND THE BALL STAYS IN THE INFIELD**
(A) I will check for **interference or obstruction** at **second base** when you turn your back
(B) I will help at **first base** for tag / no tag / on the bag / off the bag

- (6) **WITH A RUNNER ON FIRST BASE AND THE BALL GOES THRU THE INFIELD**, I will not sneak up on you.
I WILL CALL OUT - (A) "I've got third if he comes" to let you know I will be there
(B) "I've got third" to let you know I'm on Third
(B) "I've got third" then "I'm staying home" to let you know there is no play at third
-SO-

If the runner rounds third, but then dives back to the bag, that is your call.

IF I AM AT 3RD BASE AND THERE IS AN OVERTHROW AT THIRD BASE, I WILL EVEN COVER HOME PLATE - YOU DO NOT ROTATE TO COVER HOME

- (7) **WITH RUNNER'S ON THE CORNERS AND THE BALL GOES THRU THE INFIELD, WE WILL HANDLE IT LIKE THERE WAS A RUNNER ON FIRST BASE, UNLESS THERE ARE TWO OUTS (TIME PLAY)**

-----FLY BALLS - WE ARE WORKING THE "V"-----
ANYTIME WITH RUNNERS ON BASE, IF AN ON-THE-LINE FIELDER IS CHARGING HARD TO ONE OF THE "LINES", I WILL LET YOU KNOW THAT I HAVE THE CATCH

- (8) **RUNNER ON FIRST BASE**, (A) IN THE "W" YOU HAVE THE CATCH AND THE APPEAL
(B) OUTSIDE "V" I HAVE THE CATCH, AND YOU HAVE THE APPEAL
- (9) **RUNNERS ON FIRST AND SECOND BASE**
(A) YOU HAVE THE CATCH
(B) YOU HAVE THE APPEAL FROM FIRST TO SECOND
(C) I HAVE THE APPEAL FROM SECOND TO THIRD
(D) I HAVE THE PLAY AT THIRD
- UNLESS, THE BALL GOES DOWN THE RIGHT FIELD LINE: THEN: -----
- (E) I WILL TAKE THE CATCH
(F) YOU WILL TAKE THE APPEAL FROM FIRST TO SECOND
(G) YOU WILL TAKE THE APPEAL FROM SECOND TO THIRD
(H) YOU WILL TAKE THE PLAY AT THRID

- (10) **BASES LOADED**
(A) YOU HAVE THE CATCH, UNLESS THE BALL IS FAIR/FOUL DOWN RF LINE
(B) YOU HAVE THE APPEAL FROM FIRST TO SECOND
(C) YOU HAVE THE APPEAL FROM SECOND TO THIRD

- (D) I HAVE THE APPEAL FROM THIRD TO HOME
- (11) **RUNNER ON SECOND BASE AND IT IS A FLY BALL TO THE OUTFIELD**
 (A) YOU WILL TAKE THE CATCH - AND THEN ROTATE TO HOME PLATE IN CASE OF OVERTHROW
 (B) YOU WILL TAKE THE APPEAL
 (C) I WILL TAKE THE PLAY AT THIRD
 -----UNLESS, THE BALL GOES DOWN THE RIGHT FIELD LINE: THEN WE WILL "FLIP-FLOP"-----
 (F) I HAVE THE CATCH
 (G) YOU HAVE THE APPEAL
 (H) YOU HAVE THE PLAY AT THIRD
- (12) **RUNNER ON SECOND BASE AND THE BALL STAYS IN THE INFIELD**
 (A) YOU WILL TAKE ALL PLAYS IN THE INFIELD
 (B) I will be of assistance at **first base** for tag / no tag /on the bag / off the bag
- (13) **RUNNERS ON SECOND AND THRID BASE AND IT IS A FLY BALL TO THE OUTFIELD**
 (A) YOU HAVE THE CATCH, UNLESS THE BALL IS FAIR/FOUL DOWN RF LINE
 (B) YOU HAVE THE APPEAL FROM SECOND TO THIRD
 (C) I HAVE THE APPEAL FROM THIRD TO HOME
- (14) RUNNER ON THRID BASE, WE WILL HANDLE LIKE RUNNERS ON SECOND AND THIRD ON A FLY BALL
- (15) LINE DRIVES IN THE INFIELD - IF YOU GOT IT, TAKE IT, **BUT IF YOU ARE BLOCKED OR CAN'T SEE THE PLAY, I WILL COME UP STRONG WITH CATCH / NO CATCH - I HAVE A GREAT VIEW OF THE INFIELD**
- (16) STRIKE THREE, IF I'M ASING FOR A SWING, I AM REALLY ASKING! BUT I WILL NOT TRY TO DRIVE YOU CRAZY! I WILL ASK DID HE GO, AND YOU WILL SAY "YES HE DID", OR "NO HE DID NOT"
- (17) HAND SIGNALS (SHOW THEM TO YOUR PARTNER)
- (18) RUNDOWNS: I will not sneak up on you - I will let you know I am there, and it is usually the second throw away from the bag I am at
- (19) (THEN I WILL SAY) "Is there anything else you think we messed?" (IF THE ANSWER IS "NO", THEN I SAY)
 "Anything quirky we see, we can talk about it in between innings"
- (20) I know between innings you will be out in right field, unless you want to talk - give me a signal - I will do the same.

ANYTHING YOU THINK SHOULD BE ADDED OR COMMENTED ON, PLEASE CONTACT ME!!!

