

The background of the slide is a dark blue field with white stars and several yellow softballs of varying sizes. A large, prominent softball is in the bottom-left corner. A white rectangular box with a brown border is centered on the slide, containing the title text.

MECHANICS SOFTBALL

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TONIGHTS MECHANIC SUBJECTS

- 1. LIMITATIONS OF THE ASSISTANT COACHES**
- 2. HAND SIGNALS BETWEEN UMPIRES**
- 3. WHEN TO MAKE A CALL FROM THE RIM VERSES COMING INSIDE**
- 4. THE KEY ELEMENTS TO SEE WHEN MAKING A SAFE / OUT CALL ON A FORCE OR TAG PLAY**

HANDLING AN ASSISTANT COACH

IF YOU ARE APPROACHED BEFORE OR DURING A GAME BY AN ASSISTANT COACH FOR SOME “FRIENDLY CONVERSATION” (CLARIFICATION OF DP/FLEX; SUBSTITUTION LIMITATIONS; ECT) PLEASE ENGAGE THEM



HANDLING AN ASSISTANT COACH

IF DURING A GAME OR BETWEEN INNINGS AN ASSISTANT COACH WISHES TO PURSUE A DISPUTED CALL / RULE INTERPUTATION; PLEASE LET HIM / HER KNOW THAT YOU WILL SPEAK ONLY TO THE HEADCOACH REGARDING SUCH



HANDLING AN ASSISTANT COACH

INSTRUCT THE ASSISTANT COACH THAT HE/ SHE MUST RETURN TO THE BENCH / COACHING BOX WHILE YOU ARE TALKING WITH THE HEAD COACH. IF THE ASSISTANT COACH REFUSES TO LEAVE; PLEASE INTICATE THAT THIS IS THEIR FINAL WARNING.



HANDLING AN ASSISTANT COACH

- IF THE ASSISTANT COACH STILL REFUSES TO LEAVE; YOU WILL NOW RESTRICT THEM TO THE BENCH.
- IF THE ASSISTANT COACH REFUSES TO IMMEDIATELY GO BACK TO THE BENCH; YOU WILL NOW EJECT (THEY MUST LEAVE THE CONFINES OF THE FIELD....OUT OF SIGHT)



HANDLING AN ASSISTANT COACH

- IF THE ASSISTANT COACH REFUSES TO LEAVE THE CONFINES OF THE FIELD; YOU WILL TERMINATE THE GAME.
- NOTIFY THE ASSIGNOR
- IN THE CASE OF AN EJECTION YOU MUST ALSO NOTIFY JOHN GOJDYCZ; BCUA SECRETARY



CALLING FROM THE RIM

'B' POSITION.

RUNNER ON FIRST ONLY. A HARD LINE DRIVE IS HIT OVER YOUR HEAD AND DIRECTLY AT THE RIGHT FIELDER. TURN IN YOUR STARTING POSITION, WATCH THE PLAY TO DETERMINE WHICH BASE THE FIELDER WILL BE GOING TO; FOLLOW THE BALL AS YOU MOVE CLOSER TO THE BASE THAT THE BALL IS GOING TOWARDS; GET YOURSELF SET, TAKE THE PROPER ANGLE AND MAKE THE CALL FROM THE RIM.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jUwYf0QARoY&t=185s>

2:25 B Position

CALLING FROM THE RIM

- C – POSITION
- WITH RUNNERS ON FIRST AND SECOND OR BASES LOADED , HARD LINE DRIVE HIT OVER YOUR HEAD DIRECTLY TO THE FIELDER, TURN FROM YOUR POSITION ON THE RIM, EVALUATE THE DIRECTION THE PLAY WILL GO.
- MOVE TOWARDS THAT PLAY STILL FROM THE RIM , GET IN A FAVORABLE ANGLE AND POSITION TO MAKE AN ACCURATE CALL.



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6:08 C Position

46:00 Working rim on balls to
outfield.

KEY ELEMENTS YOU NEED TO MAKE AN ACURATE CALL ON THE BASES; FORCE OR TAG PLAY

1. GET THE PROPER ANGLE AND DISTANCE TO CREATE A TRIANGLE TO THE PLAY.
2. POSITION YOURSELF TO SEE THE CONTACT POINT OF RUNNER WITH THE BASE AT THE TIME THE BALL ARRIVES
3. FOLLOW THE FLIGHT OF THE BALL TO THE GLOVE.
4. WATCH THE DEFENSIVE PLAYER MAKE CONTACT TO THE RUNNER OR THE BASE WITH THE BALL IN THEIR POSSESSION



KEY ELEMENTS YOU NEED TO MAKE AN ACURATE CALL ON THE BASES; FORCE OR TAG PLAY

- IF YOU SET UP A PROPER TRIANGLE AND SEE ALL THESE ELEMENTS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE PLAY YOU WILL MOST LIKELY GET THE CALL CORRECT
- FOR EVERY ELEMENT YOU ARE MISSING WILL MAKE THAT CALL HARDER TO MAKE.



SIGNALS BETWEEN UMPIRES

- SIGNALS ARE CRUCIAL TO COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR PARTNER DURING KEY SITUATIONS
- THESE SIGNALS CAN BE OF YOUR OWN STYLE BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR PARTNER
- THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS SHOULD HAVE COMMUNICATION THROUGH SIGNALS



SIGNALS BETWEEN UMPIRES

1. TAG UP RESPONSIBILITIES
 2. PICK OFF AT FIRST WHEN BASE UMPIRE IS IN THE 'C' POSITION
 3. NUMBER OF OUTS
 4. PLATE UMPIRE WILL TAKE RUNNER FROM FIRST INTO THIRD
 5. BASE UMPIRE IN 'C' POSITION TAKE SECOND PLAY INTO THIRD FOR THE PLATE UMPIRE
 6. PLATE UMPIRE STAYS HOME
- LASTLY; STILL VERBALLY COMMUNICATE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE THROUGHOUT THE GAME TO CONFIRM YOUR MOVEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE FIELD.

OFFICIALS SPORTSMANSHIP STATEMENT

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The NJSIAA requires officials to enforce all rules regarding unsportsmanlike conduct by coaches and players. There will be no tolerance for any negative behavior, such as taunting, trash-talking and verbal, written, or physical conduct related to race, gender, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, or religion. Such behavior will result in being ejected from this event. **All participants must respect the game, respect the officials, and respect their opponents.**




☐ HOPEFULLY THESE SIMPLE STEPS IN MECHANICS WILL MAKE YOUR SEASONS BECOME EASIER TO NAVIGATE AND CREATE A TEAM OF PROFESSIONALISM PUTTING THIS ASSOCIATION FAR ABOVE THE REST

☐ HAVE A TERRIFIC SEASON



Questions????????





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