

2017 NYSSO MANUAL - UPDATES

TOPIC	CHANGE	COMMENTARY
COACHES' PRE-GAME MEETING	Delete commentary regarding chin straps. *Note: This change is not reflected in the update manual.	Chin straps are no longer mandatory. They are optional. If worn, they must be worn correctly.
PRIOR TO THE FIRST PITCH	Secure enough game balls to keep the game moving. It is highly recommended that you wear two ball bags so that you don't delay the game waiting for a ball. Any potential game ball must be sufficiently rubbed up to remove any sheen or slickness from the ball. Never put a brand new ball into play.	It is the responsibility of the umpires to ensure the game balls are sufficiently rubbed up. Putting a brand new ball in play is a liability issue and unfair to the players.
PRIOR TO THE FIRST PITCH	The plate umpire should set up behind home plate in proper position and watch warm up pitches. Set up for right-handed and left-handed batters. Don't forget to put your mask on. Do not set up for the first pitch. Notify the catcher that you are set up behind her. Repeat this in the bottom of the 1 st inning.	The first pitch could be erratic. Not all catchers are used to umpires setting up.
WHEN THE DROPPED 3RD STRIKE IS IN EFFECT	NOTE: This base umpire mechanic is used for the rare situation when the plate umpire is unable to determine whether the pitched ball was caught or uncaught. It is the plate umpire's responsibility to see all action at the plate and rule accordingly. A plate umpire who has trouble making such determinations must adjust his plate stance.	The mechanic is intended for the base umpire to provide help if needed. It was never intended to transfer responsibility from the plate umpire to the base umpire.
GIVING THE COUNT	It is highly recommended that the plate umpire provide the base umpire(s) with the count after an attempted steal or pick-off play. It is highly recommended that the base umpires be prepared to flash the count to the plate umpire after a runner has attempted to score on a passed ball or wild pitch.	Umpires are more likely to lose the count in these situations. Knowing that you must provide it to your partner will serve as a reminder to confirm you have an accurate count.
3 UMPIRE STARTING POSITION	Starting positions which were 10 - 12 ft have been reduced to 6 - 8 ft	In many cases, umpires are able to start in the calling position. Umpires are starting extremely deep and out of position.
3 UMPIRE NO RUNNERS ON OR R1 ONLY - PLATE UMPIRE	Infield Hit: (1) Trail BR 15 ft. up the 1 st base line. (2) Then move directly to 3 rd base for a possible play there. (3) Stop approximately 8 ft. from 3 rd base. Outfield Hit: (1) Move to an area in front of the pitcher's circle and observe all play. (2) Then move directly to 3rd base for a possible play there. (3) Stop approximately 8 ft. from 3rd base.	On an outfield hit, there is no need for the plate umpire to trail the BR. The reasons for trailing to not exist. It is more beneficial to move out toward the pitcher's circle and observe all playing action.
3 UMPIRE SYSTEM - GB2 - BASE UMPIRE MECHANICS	Responsible for all initial calls at 2 nd and 3 rd base.	Clarifies that R2 is responsible for all initial calls at 2nd and 3rd base. 1BU must read 3BU and rim toward 2nd base at times.