



Baseball Bulletin 2026-8

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- This bulletin has a lot of information and reminders, so please review thoroughly! For previously issued bulletins, please visit the Directors of Officiating page on the OHSAA website (<https://www.ohsaa.org/Officiating/DOD>).
- There are several documents that I want to share in this bulletin. Instead of linking them individually, they are available in a folder in my OneDrive account. You can access those documents at this link: [4-27-2026 Bulletin Documents](#).  
Any video shared is for educational purposes and not meant to embarrass or demean any umpire in the video. We can all learn from watching videos of complicated play scenarios.
- **Local on-line meetings** – I mistakenly stated the next local online meeting would be posted around April 14<sup>th</sup>. It should be posted very soon. Information on accessing the local online meeting will be sent via Dragonfly.
- **Additional opportunity for local meeting credit** – Keaton Jones sent an email via DragonFly on 4/21 with the Subject, “OHSAA: Spring Conflict Resolution Local Meeting Now Available”. This will give you additional local meeting credit. Even if you do not need the meeting credit, I highly recommend you watch this video. The video is well done and a great baseline for handling situations in games. You can access the video by following the instructions on the email (I have created a copy of the email in the Bulletin Documents folder).
- **3 and 4 Umpire Clinic** – The annual 3 and 4 umpire clinic will be held May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Grove City from 10:00 – 2:30. This is primarily for tournament umpires who are working Districts and beyond, but all are welcome! The first two hours will be classroom review of the mechanics We will move to the field to practice scenarios from 12:30-2:30. To register for this (free) clinic visit the google form here: <https://forms.gle/LpcsDyHhg8FpSzct9>
- **NFHS interpretations** – There are two new NFHS interpretations to share with you this week. Please view them in the Bulletin Documents folder referenced above. The 4/15 interpretation discusses malicious contact, which I also cover in detail in the upcoming local online meeting. The 4/22 interpretation is about the force play slide rule.

There was a play in NCAA baseball that is worth reviewing in the Bulletin Folder linked above. There are a couple of rules that come into play in this scenario. After reviewing the rules and interpretation of FPSR provided by NFHS, we should have FPSR in this example. Additionally, if FPSR did not apply, are we allowing the runner to retouch home after a following runner scores?

- **Sportsmanship/Ejection/Facility reports** – All reports must be filed in the web version of Dragonfly. To file a report, login to Dragonfly, go to the game assignment, scroll to the bottom of the page of the assignment and click “Add New Document.” This will open up prompts to fill out the appropriate information. DO NOT USE THE MOBILE APP. You will also need to contact the school’s AD to let them know, this can be done via email or phone call.
- **DH reentry/substitutions-** Just a reminder that the DH has reentry if removed from the game. He must reenter in the same spot in the lineup that he previously occupied.

**Scenario (Varsity only):** Smith is the DH in the 4<sup>th</sup> spot in the lineup for the Right fielder (Jones). In the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning, Jones Pinch runs for Smith after reaching base. Because the defensive player has entered the game on offense, the DH position is finished from the game. However, this does not eliminate Smith’s ability to reenter the game later. Now in the 4<sup>th</sup> inning as the 4<sup>th</sup> position comes up, Smith pinch-hits (reenters) for Jones. Smith reaches base again and Jones pinch runs for him again. Jones still had reentry as a starter since he was never substituted for, Smith is now ineligible to reenter the game.

Just a reminder (again), Sub varsity, players have an unlimited reentry in Ohio.

- **Weather delays and suspended games:** Ryan Thompson, NW district, recently created a comprehensive document on suspended games and various scenarios when a game is complete and when a game becomes suspended. Although we follow the NFHS rulebook on suspended games, we additionally add when a visiting team has taken the lead after the 5<sup>th</sup> inning and the home team has not had a chance to complete their turn at bat. Please see the document pertaining to suspended games in the bulletin folder.
- **Video** – I am always on the lookout for usable video of high school baseball. If you have video that may be of interest for training purposes (mechanics, difficult plays, etc.), please send me those clips or links to those clips to [fgrubb@ohsaa.org](mailto:fgrubb@ohsaa.org).