



Baseball Bulletin 2025-3

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- **Rule/Case Book mailings** - The final rulebook and casebook packets were mailed out on Monday, February 10. Most of you should have received these packets which included your rule book, case book, and the 2025/2026 Bluebook. Please hold on to your Bluebook for next year as well. These are only mailed out bi-annually.
- **On-line State Rules Meeting** – The Online State Rules Interpretation meeting is available now in Dragonfly and will be available through March 25th. If you don't have either an online state meeting or an in-person state meeting after March 25<sup>th</sup>, you will be able to view the State meeting with a \$50 penalty until April 15<sup>th</sup>. To access the online SRI meeting:
  1. Log in to Dragonfly.
  2. Click on my information under the OHSAA section of your profile.
  3. Under OHSAA click on the Prep for 2024-25 box
  4. Next to the 2025 SRI Meeting (Baseball): OHSAA Points of Emphasis, select the "Start" option on the right-hand side.
- **In-person State Rules Interpretation meetings** – There are four (4) in-person State rules meetings left for 2025. These are a fantastic opportunity to discuss the rules changes with me and your fellow umpires as well as get a local meeting in at the same time. I highly encourage you to attend an in-person SRI meeting! If you prefer to attend an in-person state rules interpretation meeting, the schedule is as follows:
  1. **Tuesday, February 18 – Piqua** – Upper Valley Career Center – 8811 Career Dr., Piqua
  2. **Thursday, February 20 –Canton** – Stark County Educational Service Center, 6057 Strip Ave NW, Canton
  3. **RESCHEDULED for Thursday, February 27th – Cleveland** – Berea-Midpark High School, 165 E. Bagley Rd, Berea (Enter at side gym doors behind school off Eastland Road)
  4. **Pending rescheduled date Thursday, February 13 – Findlay** – Donnell Middle School – 301 Baldwin Ave., Findlay

All meetings will begin at 6:00 PM in combination with Softball. At 6:00 pm the softball SRI meeting and the baseball local meeting will begin in separate rooms. Following these meetings, the Baseball SRI and softball local meetings will occur. By attending, you will be able to get credit

for two meetings maximum (2 SRI meetings baseball and softball, 2 local meetings baseball and softball, or 1 state SRI and 1 local of the same sport)

- **Local on-line meetings** – We will once again publish two local on-line meetings during the spring. The dates are to be determined but will more than likely be late March and Mid to late April.
- **Clinics** – We have organized two clinics this year. The first clinic was a great success at St. Ignatius High School this past weekend (February 15<sup>th</sup>). If you can attend and have not registered yet, please consider the Rossford clinic on March 8<sup>th</sup>. This year we will again focus on the newer umpire; however, I encourage all umpires to attend to brush up on mechanics and rules.

To register for the clinics, please use the links below and submit payment per the instructions on the registration form:

- **Saturday, March 8, 9:00-1:00** – Rossford High School, 28720 Lime City Rd, Perrysburg, OH 43551 [Register here](#)

The cost of each clinic will be \$35 payable to the local organization organizing the clinic. This will cover the costs of running the clinic. This is an excellent opportunity to get evaluated and receive instruction from some of the best umpires in the state! Multiple umpires received regional assignments for the first time last year in part because of their clinic participation and the evaluations we received. A local meeting credit will be issued for attending.

Additional clinics are being held locally that you can also join. The ones that I'm aware of are as follows:

- March 8 – 10:00 – 1:00 (registration starts at 9:00) – Chieftain Center @ Logan High School, 14470 State Route 328, Logan, OH 43138; Cost – Free; Contact Phillip Lightfoot, [ncaablu@yahoo.com](mailto:ncaablu@yahoo.com) to register or for questions
  - March 9 – 9:00 am – 1pm (registration begins at 7:30) – Norton High School, 1 Panther Way, Norton, OH 44203 – Cost - \$35.00, Contact Ron Fuller, [rfuller7024@aol.com](mailto:rfuller7024@aol.com) to register
- **Local Association Meetings** – If you are not a member of a local association, I HIGHLY recommend you join one. If you are unable to find a local association, please contact your district administrator which can be found at <https://www.ohsaa.org/Officiating/localassociations>.

You can find local association meetings by using the Dragonfly calendar feature.

- Login to Dragonfly – [max.dragonflyathletics.com](http://max.dragonflyathletics.com)
- Select the calendar link in the left-hand column.
- In the upper right section is a filter box to set your calendar view
  - Under OHSAA, select Baseball which will show you all local association meetings scheduled.
  - Click on each one to view the details.

- **Sub-Varsity re-entry exception** – if you've attended an SRI meeting or watched the online SRI meeting, you are aware of the exception for sub-varsity contests (JV and below) that allows for a player to re enter an unlimited number of times regardless of if the player is a starter or a substitute. Once a player has entered the lineup, they must remain in that spot of the lineup they were previously in when reentering the game.
- **Working with assignors** – There is more to umpiring than just working games. Part of our responsibility is administrative if we like it or not. One of those administrative tasks, which must be mastered by umpires is working with assignors and keeping your availability up to date. Keeping your Dragonfly calendar blocks current allows assignors to quickly find available umpires to assign. Although declining games assigned by assignors is allowed, as we are independent contractors, it can lead to frustration when umpires routinely decline games. Dragonfly allows for a variety of blocks. Please keep your availability up to date!
- **Quiz** – I will be making quizzes available to test your knowledge of the rules, mechanics, and regulations. The first quiz is available here: [Baseball Quiz 2025-1](#). It's 10 questions and should be able to be completed relatively quickly!