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- **UPDATE ON OPTIONAL TESTING** – We had advised you that Optional Rules Testing for umpires would be available mid-February with a completion deadline of mid-March. We have the testing ready but there have been technical issues with making it available to all of you. Our central office is working on these and the test will be available using the Arbiter’s testing platform. We expect to release the test to all umpires in the middle to late March timeframe. Once it is released all umpires will have three weeks to complete the test. Watch for upcoming bulletins and correspondence on this topic. We apologize for the delay – unfortunately our previous testing software is not available for the testing this year. **Umpires who complete the optional rules test will receive additional point credit for their tournament officials rating as follows:**

94% and above – 3 points

86% - 92% - 2 points

80-84% - 1 point

- **Hold the date** – Our Pre-Tournament Clinic will be held Saturday, May 14 at Jerome High School, 8300 Hyland-Croy Road, Dublin, OH 43016. Registration will begin at noon and the clinic will conclude around 4PM. All OHSAA umpires our welcome. In addition to other information we will highlight the three and four umpire system used in our Regional, District and State games.
- **The online state meeting** is still available. To access, log in to your myOHSAA profile, click the “Rules Meetings” icon in the top right, click “Find a State Meeting” from the left side menu, then select “Softball” from the “Sports” dropdown menu, “Official” from “Meeting Type” dropdown menu, and then click “Search”. You may view the online

meeting on any device except for a Google Chromebook. A Google Chromebook is a type of laptop computer, entirely different from the popular internet browser Google Chrome. You may view the online meetings using the internet browser Google Chrome.

- **Online Local Meetings** – as previously announced there will be two of these with one available mid March and one mid April. Details and login instructions will be emailed to all umpires when these are published.

- **Running Lane Violation Case Play:**

Bases loaded, no outs. B4 bunts, F1 picks up and tosses home to F2. (A) R3 is safe at home; (B) R3 is out at home. F2 then throws towards 1st but the ball hits B4 running in fair territory, PU calls RLI. What is the result of these plays?

*Got an approved ruling on the plays above. The casebook next year will have these in them and they plan on changing the verbiage on the penalty to read, the other runners will return to the base they occupied at the time of the **throw**. (Penalty page 54, 8-4) What this means in the plays above, the runner scored prior to the throw, thus it counts. In the one where he was tagged out coming home, the out stands and the interference is called. We have a double play. NFHS said that they hadn't considered the run scoring prior to the throw thus the verbiage*