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- **Online Local Meetings** – as previously announced there will be two of these with one available mid to late March and one mid-April. Details and login instructions will be emailed to all umpires when these are published. Watch for the first meeting soon!
- 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 “Baseball” 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.
PLEASE NOTE THIS MEETING MUST BE COMPLETED BY MIDNIGHT ON MARCH 26. AFTER THAT TIME A \$50 PENALTY FEE APPLIES – THIS IS BECAUSE UMPIRES ARE EXPECTED TO COMPLETE THE MEETING PRIOR TO THE START OF THE SEASON.
- **Rules Test** - The OHSAA is offering an optional exam for umpires who wish to improve their rules study and knowledge. This will also provide umpires with an opportunity to earn extra points for their tournament composite rating for the 2023 season. This exam was available on Arbiter as of [March 18](#) and will now close on [April 8](#). Please note the exam must be completed in this time frame as it will not be extended Umpires who complete the optional rules test will receive additional point credit for their tournament officials rating based on their score as follows:
 - 94% and above - 3 points
 - 86% - 92% - 2 points
 - 80-84% - 1 point

To access the exam, please log on to arbitersports.com. From there, select "OHSAA Central Hub." Hint: click on your picture or the picture icon – this is in the upper righthand corner. That will bring you to a new page, and at the top of that page, select "testing." This will bring

you to a new page where you can select the exam you need. Again, this test is optional. We hope that you find it useful in your rules study.

- Hold the date – Our Pre-Tournament Clinic will be held Saturday, May 14 at Jerome High School in Dublin. Registration will begin at 9:30 and the clinic will conclude around 3PM. All OHSAA umpires our welcome. We will be presenting in the morning the 4-man from 10-11 and the 3-man from 11-12. At 1PM we will go out onto the fields and conduct pre-scripted possibilities for both 3 and 4 man situation. No plate gear required but bring you chair to sit on and wear your base uniform. We will be using their hitting facility for the presentations and lunch. More information to follow.
- As mentioned in the state meeting, there is new technology out there that is added to the bat to give every type of information on the batter's swing. Up till this year, the device had to be added to the butt of the bat and was very visible. We knew Blast Motion and other suppliers of these devices were working with bat manufacturers to incorporate them into the bat like they have done with wood bats. Rawlings has figure out how to do this and below is the bat that they are offering that can use the Blast Motion sensor. It is added into the butt of the bat as opposed to adding it onto the butt. Please read the information below so that if you run into such bat you know that it is legal as long as a yellow plug is in place of the sensor.

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- I have had numerous calls about the hybrid not being called during scrimmages. This is an ILLEGAL pitch or balk and you need to call it. In High School and College this position is illegal and I expect everyone to call it. If I keep getting calls about this not being called, I will call the umpires to discuss.