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- **Online Local Meetings** – the final online local meeting will be available this week. I hope everyone has taken the time to view these meetings. I want to thank Frank Grubb and Chris Prokes for putting together these meetings for the baseball community.
- **Rules Test** – The deadline for the online test has passed. You can view the test and the answers by going to the following link. https://ohsaa-my.sharepoint.com/:x:/g/personal/tbrooks_ohsaa_org/Eb2f-Cf85HhDp3KeWb1IJ2oBxW07Ro0IijhFybBCi1UGjA?rttime=oUvZqzsh2kg
- Pre-Tournament Clinic will be held Saturday, May 14 at Jerome High School, 8300 HYLAND-CROY ROAD, DUBLIN, OH 43016-7016. 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. Lunch will be from 12-1PM. At 1PM we will go out onto the fields and conduct pre-scripted situations for both 3 and 4 person . No plate gear required but bring your chair to sit on during the presentations and wear your base uniform. We will be using their hitting facility for the presentations and lunch. Parking is behind the school and the hitting facility is adjacent to the diamonds and behind the school. I apologize for the long walk to the diamond but we all should be in pretty good shape by then! If you plan on attending, please email me at: dan.mcginis@hotmail.com. No later than May 10th. I need to know numbers that are coming.
- I have had numerous calls about the hybrid not being called during games. 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.
- The question regarding Evoshield Sliding Mitt in back pocket while batting has come up and is this legal. The answer is that it is no different than having batting gloves in the back pocket. The question comes up when a pitch hits the mitt. By ticking the mitt with

a pitch, I have nothing other than a bad pitch not a hits batsman. If the pitch hits dead on in the batters back and the mitt is hit, then I have a hits batsman. This is no different that having the uniform not worn properly,

- Here is one that has come up and how do we handle: " I have experienced a few incidents where a coach has come out of the dugout on a close call and an inning or two later comes out with his cell phone and says I can show you a video where you are wrong on the call. " Rule 10-1-5 is clear. We cannot use video in making decisions. I would just tell the coach we cannot use video and go back to the dugout. Ignore him, if he persists restrict to bench for unsportsmanlike conduct.
- NFHS has not changed the rule about having electronic communication between coaches and players. Some colleges are trying these new devices and it is sneaking into high schools across the nation. I am sure that it will again be brought up in June at our annual meeting but as of right now it is illegal.