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- **Pre-Tournament Clinic** will be held Saturday, May 13 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.
- **Wrist Placards-** I have received numerous calls about the wrist placards being worn on the belt this year. This is *still illegal* by NFHS rules. Have the coach take care of informing the players to remove the placards on their belts and the game will continue once they have all been removed.
- **Sliding Mitts/Oven Mitts-** It is legal for a batter to have the mitt in their back pocket during a time at bat. I have gotten word that some umpires are making the batter take them out prior to getting into the batter's box. If the mitt is touched by a pitch, it is not a hits batsman, it is a dead ball, and the pitch is called. (I would hope it's a ball!) The reason we are killing the ball when the mitt is touched, is we do not want the offense to potentially get an advantage because of a deflection. Now if the batter is hit square in the back by the pitch and the mitt is also hit, then we have a hits batsman and awarded first base. In this case the mitt might have cushioned the impact.

- **Game Reports-** I want to thank all of those who have been filling out game reports. We really appreciate the feedback, both good and bad. I have had numerous schools and coaches reach out to me and thanks us for sending in good sportsmanship reports to the schools. For those negative reports, I know Emily Mason read everyone and reaches out to the offending schools to try and correct the behavior. As we get closer to tournament time be prepared for the increase in fan support! All those fair-weather fans will be there cheering on their team and hopefully there will be game management there to make sure things go well.
- **Final Online Meeting-** Should be available shortly. You will get an email advising when you can view the presentation.
- **Online test-** We are using new software for this test. Some of the programs used in the past are no longer available to us. Note that there is no “save” function with this software so plan to complete the test in one “sitting.” The first three questions cover, for obvious reasons, your name, permit number, and email address. Unfortunately, you will get no credit for answering these questions correctly! Questions 4-53 are the actual test and you will get two points for each correct answer. There will be no scores or answers released until after the test deadline. As can be expected there are some growing pains with the new software and test procedures.