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- This is a brief bulletin with some important information as we are all busy preparing for the 2024 tournaments. Please take a moment to review.
- **Our Pre-Tournament Clinic will be held this Sunday, May 5 at Waggoner Rd. Junior High School, 360 South Waggoner Rd. in Reynoldsburg. 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 umpire system used in our Regional and District games. With the increase to seven divisions in 2025 there will be a significant increase in the number of regional and district games using three umpires. For those who want to be considered for these games, now is the time to start working on the three umpire system, it's positioning, coverages, and rotations. This is always one of our highlight training programs with a big crowd – no reservations are needed. No equipment or uniform is needed – dress comfortably!**
- We do not play a 3 ball & 2 strike count at any level! If an out of state school is playing in Ohio they must play by NFHS and Ohio rules. In Ohio we play 4 balls/3 strikes only.
- Gloves - Under NFHS Softball Rule 1-4-2 the glove sizing requirements are the same for all playing positions except the catcher. Therefore, provided the sizing requirements are met a glove would be legal at any playing position. This means that if the glove or mitt is legal for a first baseman it is legal for any defensive player. The catcher's glove has no size limitations. Please review this rule!