

OHYSA Umpire Information

Spring 2019



Video prior to presentation: <https://youtu.be/or-q-DWUDEC>

Agenda

- 1** Introductions
- 2** Policies and Procedures
- 3** Umpire Responsibilities
- 4** Rules Review



INTRODUCTIONS



Attendance

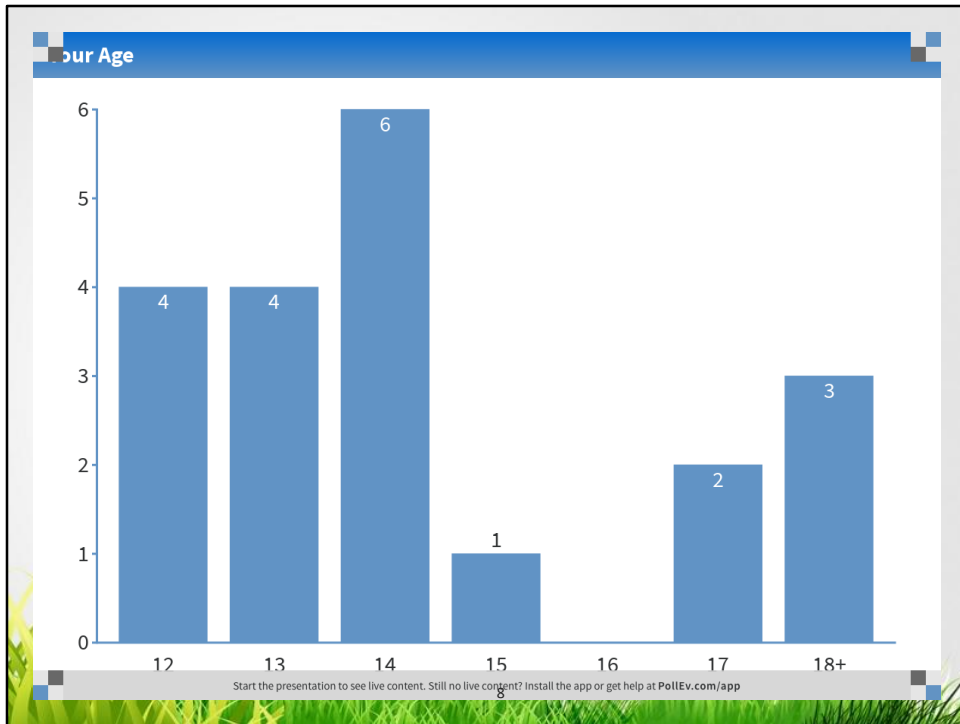
- Text the following information to 512.694.7432
 - Name
 - Age (under 18)
 - Experience



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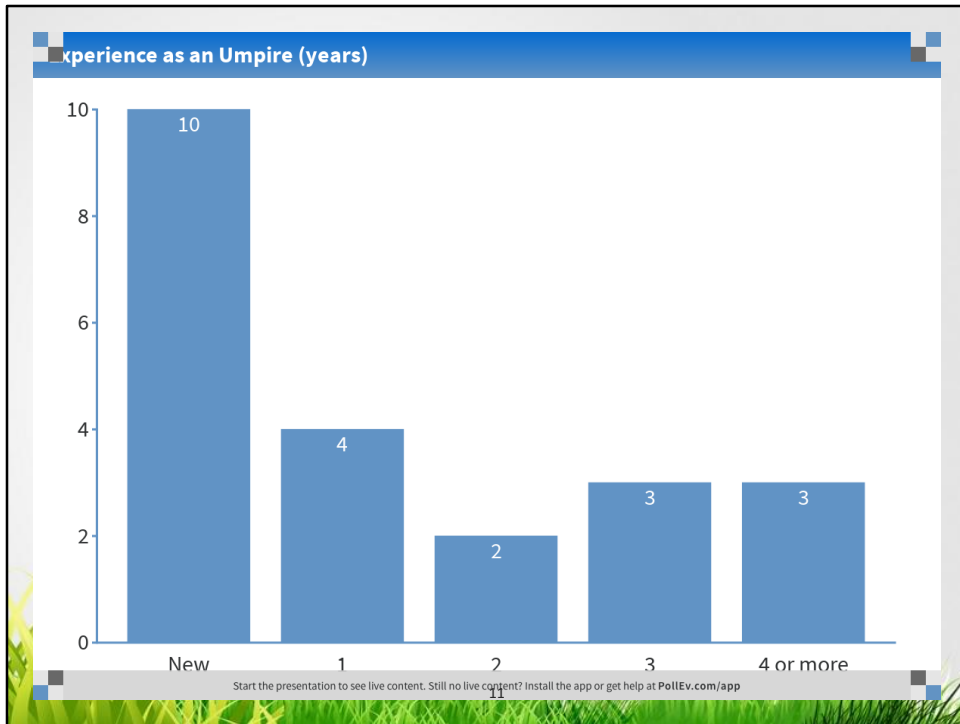
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Poll Title: Your Age

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Poll Title: Experience as an Umpire (years)

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POLICIES AND PROCEDURES



Documents

- Everyone
 - Officials form (new umpires)
- All Adults
 - Background Check
 - Ohysa.com->volunteer->Be a Coach->Security
 - Release and waiver



Upcoming Clinics

- On Field – 24 February
 - Baseball & Softball 8U (24th) – 5:00-7:00
 - Shetland



Other clinics were held on 17 February.

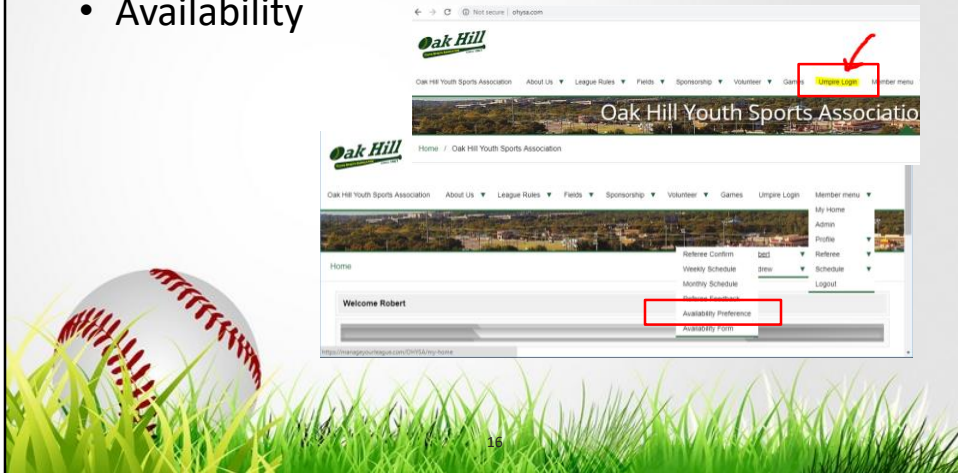
Supplemental Clinics

- Plate Mechanics
 - Sunday, 3 March 4:00-6:00
 - Pony batting cages
 - Pitching machine
 - Drop in any time
 - Full equipment
- Pitching Regulations and Balks
 - Sunday, 10 March 2:30
 - Pony field
 - Umpires & coaches

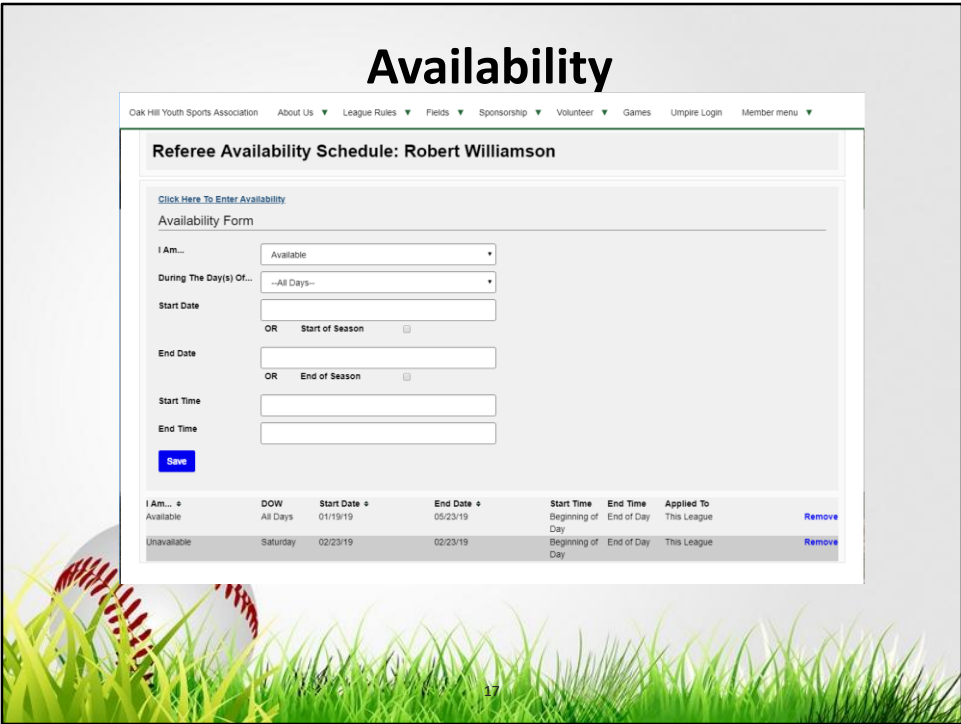


Scheduling

- Same tool as previous seasons
- Availability

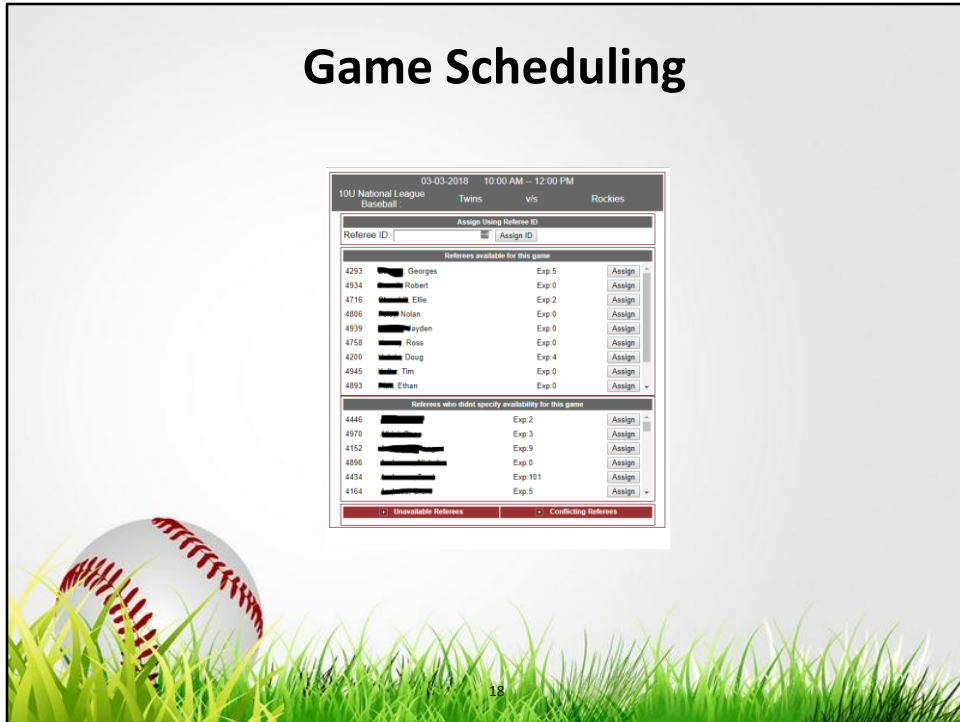


Those of you in HS should be managing your own schedule. Learn how to do this. To set your days/times you can cover a game, navigate to "Member Menu" -> Referee -> [name] -> Availability Preference. (See next slide). To view your schedule use "Weekly Schedule" or "Monthly Schedule". To confirm or decline a game, use "Availability Form" (last menu item) and select "avail" or "not avail". Decline a game as soon as you know that your availability has changed. If day before the game, text Robert or Mark. If day of game, call!



I only see those umpires who show “available” for a specific game. If you haven’t updated your availability, I can’t assign you to a game.
Assignments are sent by email on Tuesday for the following Monday-Sunday.

Game Scheduling



The process for assigning games:

In the game schedule, I choose a game and position (plate or field). I then see a list of all umpires who show available (example above). I choose one umpire for that game/position.

We do not see your availability schedule. Only when assigning games do we see who is available during that timeslot.

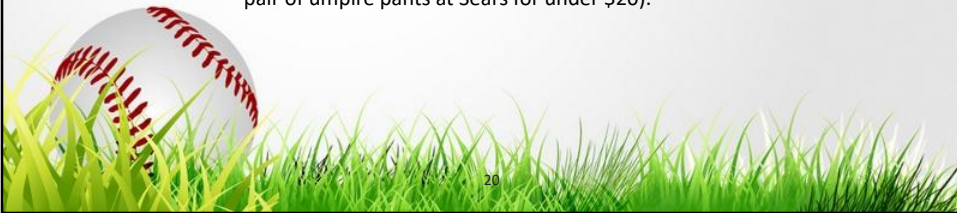
Game Fees

- Baseball
 - 8U \$20
 - 10U \$30
 - 12U \$40
 - 14U \$45
- Softball
 - 8U \$20/25
 - 10U/12U/14U \$40



Uniforms

- Look professional
- Baseball: Navy Shirt
 - Umpire shirt is navy with white/red trim. I haven't found any sizes smaller than Adult Small.
 - As an alternative, any navy collared shirt (polo style) will work.
- Softball: Light Blue with white/navy trim
- Dark or Blue hat – No MLB logos
 - OHYSA teams use MLB team names. You don't want to wear a hat which matches one of the teams on the field (gives impression of bias).
- Requested: Charcoal grey pants, black belt, black shoes
 - You may be able to find grey wool or wool blend slacks at GoodWill or Savers. Or even Sears may have inexpensive slacks (I bought my first pair of umpire pants at Sears for under \$20).



You represent baseball. Always strive to look and act professionally. You are getting paid for this opportunity.

Uniforms

- Used
 - If you have old shirts and/or pants you have outgrown, consider donating to a new umpire
 - Text me
 - If you'd like to have hand-me-downs
 - Text me
 - Lottery or other method for distribution



Equipment

- **You will need:**

- **Ball Bag**
- **Brush**
- **Indicator**



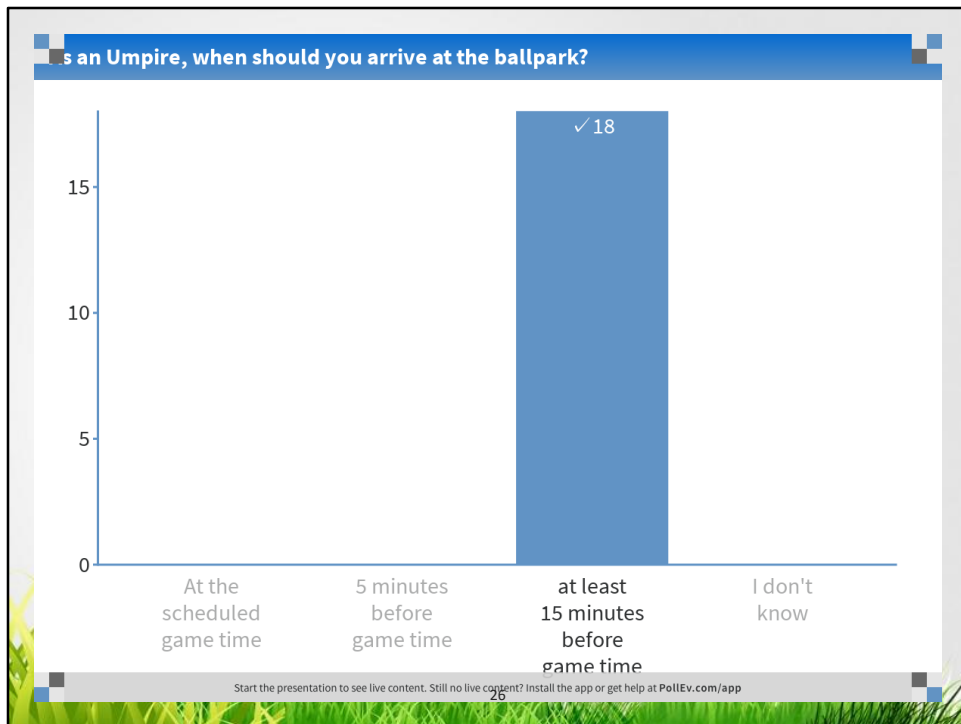
- **OHYSA supplied/shared Equipment**

- Mask, Shin guards, Chest protector
- Location of Gear
 - » M1 Blue Bin (Mustang 1, Bronco, Pony fields)
 - » SB Bin (Mustang 2, Softball 1 fields)



UMPIRE RESPONSIBILITIES





Poll Title: As an Umpire, when should you arrive at the ballpark?

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Badges

- Each adult on the field MUST have a OHYSA 2019 badge and it must be visible.
 - If you see any adult (coach, assistant coach, team mom, &c.) without a badge on your field, you must ask them to leave.
 - Do not accept any excuses (“I left it in the car”, “my wife/husband/friend is bringing it later”, etc). If they won’t leave, find a board member to help.
- Adult umpires – keep your badge on you (don’t need to display)



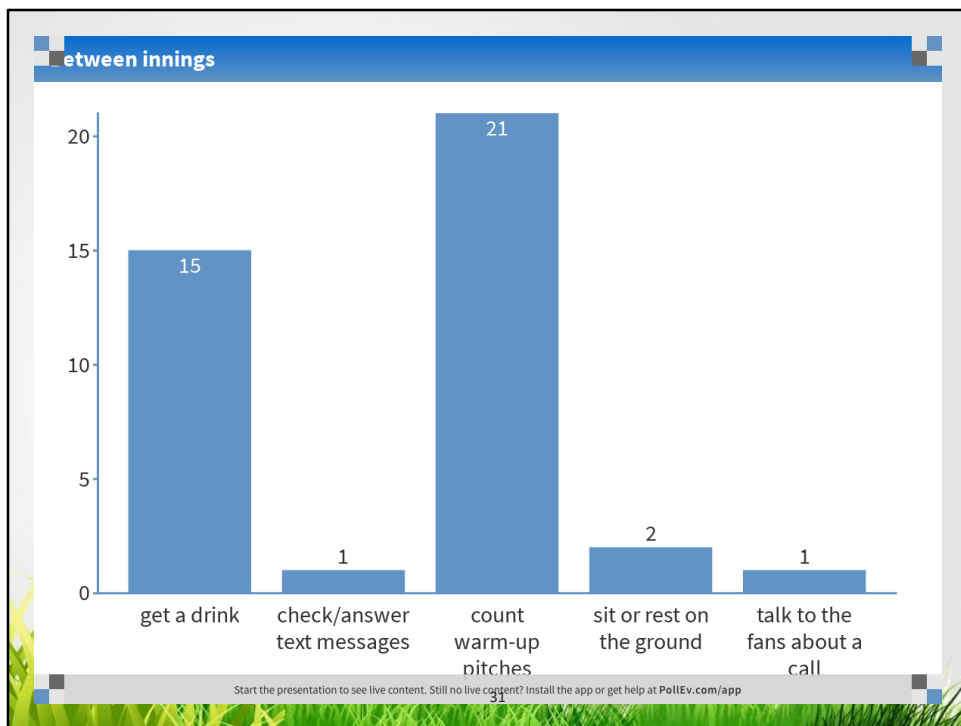
Badges have name and picture
8U Pitchers may hang from belt/pocket

Game Times

Baseball			Softball		
8U	1:15	5 run	8U	1:15	5 run
10U	1:35	5 run	10U	1:25	4 run
12U	1:45	5 run	12U	1:35	3 run
14U	2:00				



Note update to 10U baseball.



Poll Title: Between innings

Between Innings

- No more than 2 minutes to swap defense.
- Ask coach to send pitcher and catcher out ASAP
- Use a timer
- Limit warm-up pitches



The more time we take between innings, the less baseball is actually played. Keep between inning delays to a minimum!

Questions?



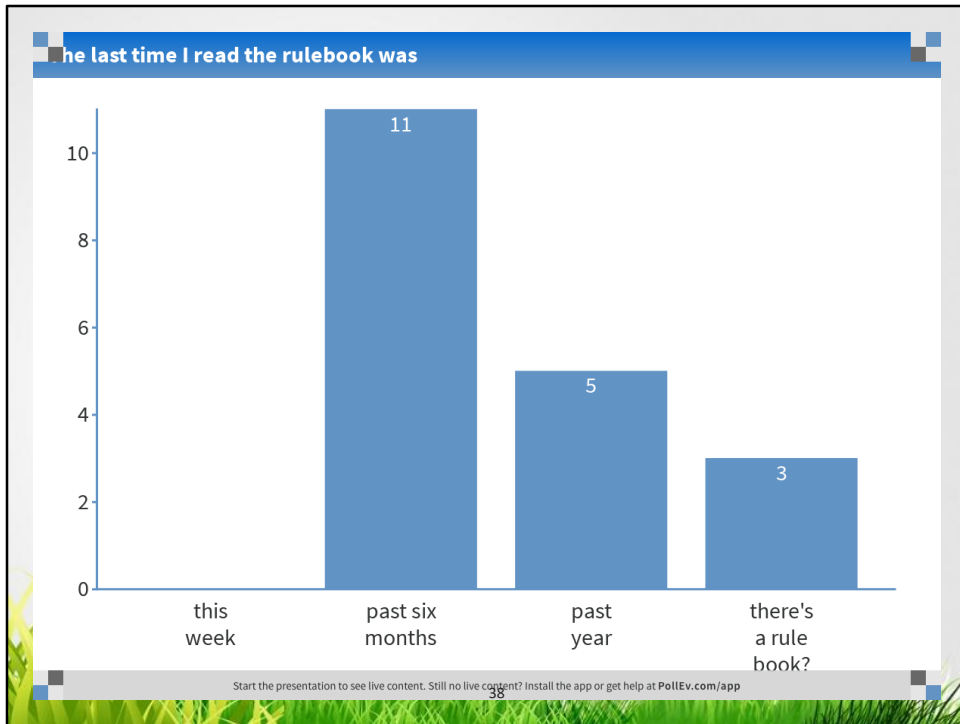
RULES



Rules

- Know the rules for your sport and age group
 - MLB rule book (official rules of baseball)
 - Softball rule book
 - OHYSA Blue Book

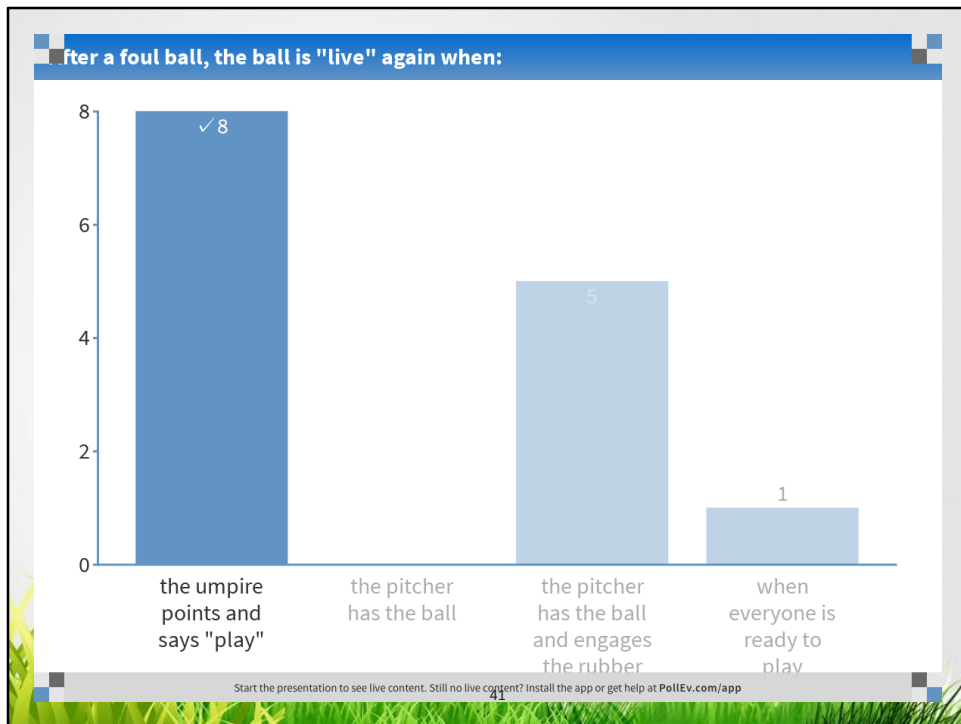




Poll Title: The last time I read the rulebook was

Read the rulebook, especially the Definitions section. You need to be able to explain a rule to a coach or player.

Read a little bit at a time. It's too hard to sit and read the whole thing at one time.



Poll Title: After a foul ball, the ball is "live" again when:

The rule book instructs us to point and say "play" in order to make the ball live again.

Try to add this to your plate mechanics.



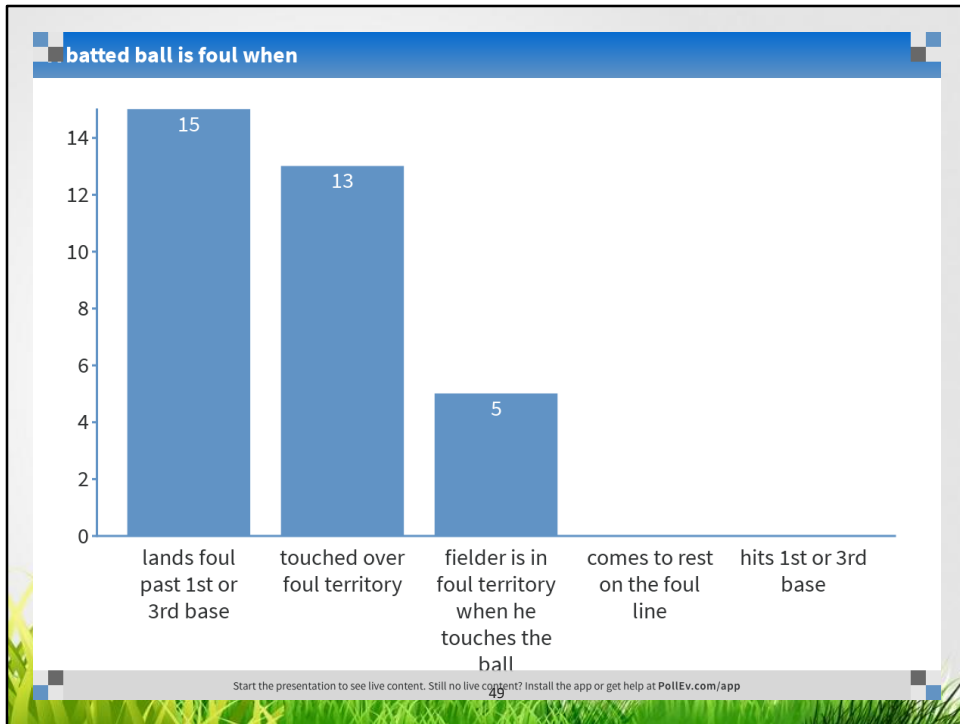
Poll Title: A batted ball which hits the plate is

Correct answer: Undetermined (yet).

We need to wait until a) the ball is touched by a player, b) the ball comes to rest, or c) the ball passes 1st or 3rd base.



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Poll Title: A batted ball is foul when

Correct answers: Lands foul past 1st or 3rd base and touched over fair territory.

Fair/foul is determine at the location where the ball is touched or comes to rest.

Where a fielder is standing has no bearing on Fair/Foul.

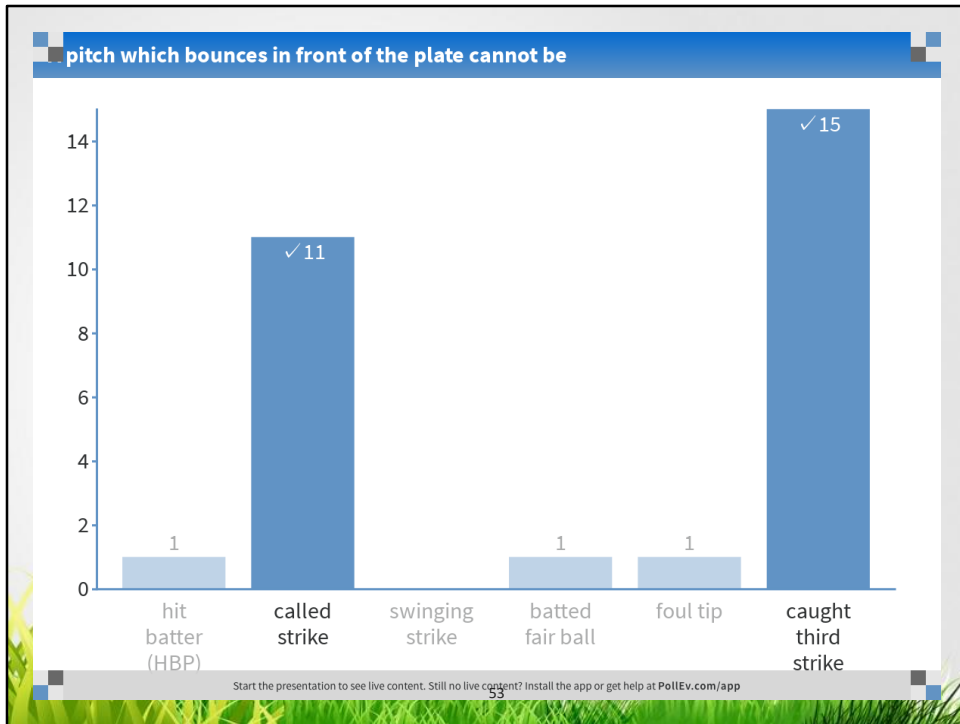
A batted ball which comes to rest on the foul line is FAIR.

A batted ball which hits 1st or 3rd base is FAIR.



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Wait to determine fair/foul until the ball is touched or comes to rest.



Poll Title: A pitch which bounces in front of the plate cannot be

Any pitch which hits a batter (as long as he/she is not swinging) is dead and the batter is awarded 1st.

The batter can legally swing and hit a pitch which bounces. If the batted ball is fair, live and in play.

A foul tip is a batted ball which goes sharply and direct to the catcher's mitt and is caught. It is a strike and if third strike, the batter is out.

Rule #6: Runner Lane INT?

"In running the last half of the distance from home base to first base, while the ball is being fielded to first base, he runs outside (to the right of) the three-foot line, or inside (to the left of) the foul line, and in the umpire's judgment in so doing interferes with the fielder taking the throw at first base."



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QUESTIONS?



Thank you and have a great season!

