

Memorandum # 1

Date: February 2, 2017
To: CBUA Instructional Chairmen
Copy: CBUA Executive Board, Ken Allan
From: Bradley Hungerford, CBUA Executive Instructional Chairman
Re: Memo # 1 -2017 Season

- **BASEBALL PREVIEW:** I have sent out the 2017 Baseball Preview for all to review. It has some critical information for the 2017 season. Please familiarize yourselves with this information.
- **THANKS FOR THE INVITATIONS:** I would like to thank all of the associations that were so kind to invite me to address their groups this year. It is so nice for me to get out and meet other umpires from other associations and see what a fantastic job these associations are doing training and preparing umpires.
- **FACEBOOK & SOCIAL MEDIA:** I am sure we are all aware of the double edge sword that is social media. I know we like to share things with our “friends” but please be aware that many of us have mutual friends that might have a mutual friend that might be related to, or even worse, a coach of a team that we officiate. Worse yet, one of your colleagues just might be facebook friends with a coach that he officiates for. As unprofessional as I believe this to be I am aware that this takes place. Please know that everything that is put out there on social media can be viewed by almost everyone and once it is out there it is out there. Please refrain from using locations of games, problems with specific people or even personal feelings. I was once told that the “Silent man could never be misquoted.”
- **RULES CLARIFICATIONS:**
 - **NFHS Baseball:** As we approach the beginning of the 2017 baseball season, I want to remind you of the relevant rule regarding the NFHS Authenticating Mark that is required on all baseballs that will be used in high school competition at all levels (NFHS Rule 1-3-1).

All umpires in the CIF Southern Section have been instructed to examine all baseball provided by the home team to make sure that they have the required NFHS Authenticating Mark. If they do not, then the game will not be played and the home team responsible for supplying the baseball will forfeit this contest. Umpires have also been instructed to report this incident to the CIF Southern Section office. It has been brought to our attention that some major sporting goods dealers in Southern California are not selling the required baseballs. Only certified baseballs with the NFHS Authenticating Mark from the different manufactures (Rawlings, Diamond, Wilson, Spalding, Baden, and others) should be used (see picture below). I remind you that baseballs that are not labeled in this manner are not legal for high school play.

These baseballs are just a couple of examples of acceptable markings. A ball is acceptable provided it has some sort of identifying mark that it meets NFHS specifications.



- **Ambidextrous pitcher's pitch count:** I have received a couple of questions regarding the pitch count for an ambidextrous pitcher. Even though we are not involved in the tracking, recording or

enforcing of the new pitch count rule, there has been questions regarding if the maximum number of pitches applies to each arm or are they counted together. For example: Can he throw 110 pitches at the varsity level with left arm and then throw the same 110 pitches with his right arm?

I received confirmation from Glenn Martinez today that the pitch count is attached to the player and not to the arm. Therefore, an ambidextrous pitcher may only throw 110 pitches at the varsity level with one OR a combination of both arms.

- **Coaches not in team uniform coaching:** Please remember that a coach not properly dressed in his team's uniform may not occupy a coach's box.



Thank you all for your hard work and dedication. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

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