

# EVALUATION BASE MECHANICS

**REPORT CRITERIA:**

1 Pre- & post-game duties	Reference NFHS Umpires Manual	Point Reduction - Scoring Guide	
<b>ARRIVAL - (10)</b>	Page 12	_____ - .00	Late - first 5 minutes.
	Pregame Responsibilities 45 minutes before game time	_____ - .25	Late - each minute after (.25 X min.late)
<b>UNIFORM - (10)</b>	NHSUA Uniform Code Equipment: Navy blue cap with NH logo	_____ - 1.00	Not Association approved or soiled.
	Mask w/protector or extended frame	NA	
	Navy undershirt if worn (optional)	_____ - 1.00	Not navy undershirt.
	Powder blue pull over shirt-Optional dark blue if both have one (not in tournament play)	_____ - 1.00	Not powder or optional dark blue and/or soiled or wrinkled
	Association jacket or lined navy pull over w/gray/white trim - Optional: navy blue sweater	_____ - 1.00	Not Association approved and/or soiled or wrinkled
	Black belt (unadorned buckle)	_____ - 1.00	Not black belt or w/adorned buckle.
	One or two ball bags	NA	Not Association approved.
	Heather - medium gray pants	_____ - 1.00	Cuffed or not heather or medium gray and/or soiled or wrinkled.
Navy blue or black socks	_____ - 1.00	Not navy blue or black.	
<b>SHOES - (10)</b>	NHSUA Uniform Code Equipment: Black, hard or soft toe w/black laces	_____ - 2.50	Not solid black.
		_____ - 2.50	Not polished or dirty.
<b>OTHER EQUIPMENT - (10)</b>	Page 16 Uniform - Equipment	_____ -10.00	No plate equipment if needed.
<b>PRE-GAME CONFERENCE - (10)</b>	Pages 11 - 12 - 13	_____ - 0.00	Not done due to partners late arrival.
	Umpire to Umpire Communications	_____ -10.00	Did not participate due to late arrival.

	Date Prior to Game Day Pregame once at game site	___ - 5.00	During conference, not adding to the review, missed duties / responsibilities not covered by the plate official.
<b>FIELD INSPECTION - (10)</b>	Page 12 Pregame responsibilities	___ -10.00 ___ - 0.00	Not done. Done alone due to partners late arrival.
<b>EQUIPMENT CHECK - (10)</b>	Page 13 Pregame once at game site	___ -10.00 ___ - 0.00 ___ - 5.00	Not done. Done alone due to partners late arrival. Done separately.
<b>PLATE CONFERENCE - (10)</b>	Pags 13 - 14 Pregame Conference with Head Coaches & Ground Rules	___ - 5.00 ___ - 2.50 ___ - 2.50	Not in proper position. After conference is completed, not advising partner of points not covered. Responding, with other then "NO", to request from partner if anything to add.
<b>LEAVING FIELD &amp; POST GAME CONFERENCE - (10)</b>	Page 14 End of Game Procedure	___ - 2.50 ___ - 2.50 ___ - 5.00	Not leaving with partner(s). Responding to Coaches, players, fans comments when leaving the field. No review of possible rule infractions, incorrect mechanics / coverages.

## 2 Base Mechanics

<b>POSITIONING "A"- (10)</b> Ready Stance	Pages 29 - 30 Starting Positions	___ - 1.00	Does not use proper stance.
		___ - .25	Not in foul territory.
Creeps	Preparation Prior to the Pitch	___ - 1.00	Not walking the line by taking 1 (Right) - 1 (Left) steps toward home.
		___ - .25	Taking to many steps.
		___ - .25	Stepping into fair territory prematurely.
Position for call at 1st	Pages 31 - 33 Force Plays/Plays at 1st Base	___ - .25	To deep behind 1B bag/player.
		___ - 1.00	Routine call - Not 45 degrees or about 3 - 4 steps off foul line.
		___ - 1.00	Wrong position when pressured by F3 or F4.
Batted balls to RF	Pages 33 - 34 Inside/Outside Theory - Fly Ball Coverage	___ - .75	Does not go out.
		___ - .75	Routine call - uses word "CATCH".
		___ - 1.00	Difficult call - when NOT caught/caught, does not signal "SAFE" or verbalize "OUT", verbalizes "NO CATCH or CATCH".

Proper pivot on batted balls to OF	Pages 31 - 33 Watching Ball/Force Plays/Plays at 1st Swipe Tag/Pulled Foot Inside / Outside Theory	____ - .75 ____ - .50 ____ - .25 ____ - 1.00	Not proper button hook, does shuffle turn. Does not see touch at base. Does not turn after touch to locate ball. Stays outside - Rides rim.
<b>POSITIONING "B" - (10)</b> Use of oval  Ready stance  Batted balls to OF	As instructed at NHSUA Clinics and in Apprentice Program	____ - 4.00	Not in position in oval for possible game situation
	Pages 31 -32 As in Position (1) FIGURE 06 - 07 - 08	____ - 2.00	Does not use proper stance.
	Pages 40 & 41 Runner on First - Base Umpire: Item 3	____ - 3.50  ____ - .50	Does not move to a position inside the diamond between the pitchers plate & the foul line. (Sweet spot) Does not see touch of 2nd base.
<b>POSITIONING "C" - (10)</b> Use of oval  Ready stance  Batted balls to OF	As instructed at NHSUA Clinics and in Apprentice Program	____ - 3.50  ____ - .50	Not in position in oval for possible game situation. Obstructs view of F7.
	Pages 31 - 32 As shown Position (1) FIGURE 06 - 07 - 08	____ - 2.00	Does not use proper stance.
	Pages 41 Runner on Second - Base Umpire: Item 4	____ - 3.50	Does not move to a position inside the diamond between the pitchers plate & the foul line. (Sweet spot)
<b>OUT / SAFE - (10)</b> Signal	Pages 31 - 33 Force Play/Plays at First Base/Tag Plays Swipe Tag/Pulled Foot Figures 06 -07-08	____ - 1.00  ____ - 1.00 ____ - 2.00   ____ - 1.00 ____ - 1.00 ____ - 1.00	Out - Routine, does not use head height hammer. Out - Close play, no "SELL OUT" signal. Out - Tag play, did not point with left hand. Did not verbalize "On Tag" and give out signal.  Safe - not at shoulder level, arms not fully extended. Safe close play - not using "SELL SAFE" signal. Does Bird Wings. Does not see touch of base(s).

Verbal		____ - 1.00 ____ - 1.00 ____ - 1.00	Not verbalized. <u>Verbalized other than "SAFE" OR "OUT"</u> Safe off bag - did not point with left hand, did not verbalize "SAFE" and give safe signal
<b>OUT/SAFE - (10)</b> <b>Timing</b>	Page 5 & 15 Make Decision Positively & Promptly Helpful Hints for Umpires (Don'ts #5)	____ - 2.50 ____ - 2.50	To quick, anticipating call. Not stopping , walking into call.
<b>Angles/Distance</b>	Page 30 General Techniques on the Bases	____ - 2.50 ____ - 2.50	To close to play. To far from play.
<b>CHECK SWING - (10)</b>	Page 11 - 12 Umpire to Umpire Communication	____ -10.00	Not responding to partners request for help.
<b>BRUSHING PITCHERS PLATE - (10)</b>	Page 28 Cleaning Home Plate or the Pitchers Plate	____ - 5.00 ____ - 5.00	No brush or cleaning device Takes position other than facing backstop
<b>INFIELD FLY - (10)</b> On signal Off Signal Signal when it happens Verbal when it happens	Page 27 & 56 Infield Fly Situation Official NFHS Softball Signals Signal / Verbal	____ - 2.50 ____ - 2.50 ____ - 2.50 ____ - 2.50	Wrong hand to chest Not giving or acknowledging remove signal Did not indicate Verbalized
<b>COUNT/OUTS - (10)</b> Uses an indicator Request for Signal (Outs)	Pages 12 - 13 Pregame Once at Game Site	____ - 4.00 ____ - 1.00 ____ - 2.00 ____ - 2.00 ____ - 1.00	Did not use one. Excessively looks at. Unable to provide partner with count/outs. Uses cap signal vs. verbalizing. Does not show at shoulder height
<b>ILLEGAL PITCHES - (10) When Called</b> Signal Verbal Awards	Page 25 & 56 Illegal Pitches Official NFHS Softball Signals Delayed Deal Ball	____ - 2.00 ____ - 2.00 ____ - 2.00 ____ - 2.00 ____ - 2.00	Not Signaled. Signaled with wrong arm. Not verbalized. Not advancing base runners. Not giving overriding option.

<b>INTERFERENCE / OBSTRUCTION - (10)</b> <b>When Called</b> Interference Signal  Verbal Obstruction Signal  Verbal Awards	Page 35 & 56 Interference / Obstruction Official NFHS Softball Signals Dead Ball - Delayed Dead Ball	____ - 2.00 ____ - 2.00  ____ - 1.00  ____ - 2.00  ____ - 1.00 ____ - 2.00	Does not step forward & give "DEAD BALL" signal. Does not point to action, then give "OUT" signal.  Does not verbalize.  Does not give "DELAYED DEAD BALL" signal w/extended left arm.  Does not verbalize word "OBSTRUCTION". Does not make proper base award.
<b>REST BETWEEN INNINGS - (10)</b>	Page 54 Between Innings Mechanics (Figure 32)	____ -10.00	Does not assume proper position.
<b>3 Game Management, Professionalism, Rules Knowledge</b>			
<b>ATTITUDE - (10)</b>	Page 8 Keep a Dignified Attitude	____ - 5.00 ____ - 5.00  ____ - ____	Does not have positive attitude for game. Does not display appreciation for the evaluation.  _____
<b>COMMUNICATION WITH COACHES / PLAYERS - (10)</b>	Page 8 Code of Ethics for Umpires - Item 7	____ - 2.50 ____ - 2.50 ____ - 2.50 ____ - 2.50	Overbearing. Rude. Proceeds incorrectly on Coach's request to appeal a call. Does not enforce "Proper Coaching Attire" in accordance with NHFS Rule -5-3
<b>COMMUNICATES WITH PARTNER (10)</b>	Pages 11 & 33 Umpire to Umpire Communications Swipe tag/Pulled Foot NFHS Rules & Case Book Sec.2-Infractions by Pitcher-Pg 51-Art. 5 Page 42-6.2.5 Situation A	____ - 4.00 ____ - 4.00 ____ - 2.00	Foul ball in Batters box. Swipe Tag / Pulled Foot. When substitutions and/or pitching changes occur, does not assist partner by keeping count of warm-up pitches
<b>GAME CONTROL - (10)</b>	Page 4 Prerequisites for Good Umpiring	____ - 2.00 ____ - 2.00 ____ - 2.00 ____ - 2.00 ____ - 2.00	Bad body language Not courteous to Coaches/Players Is dictatorial Does not cooperate with partner Does not show take charge manner

<b>ENCOURAGE HUSTLE, HUSTLE/BODY LANGUAGE - (10)</b>	Pages 4 & 7 & 15 Prerequisites for Good Umpiring Keep the Game Moving Helpful Hints for Umpires (Do's (#1))	____ - 5.00 ____ - 5.00 ____ - ____ ____ - ____	Does not keep team players moving. Does not jog to all positions.
<b>MAINTAINS SAFETY - (10)</b>	As instructed at NHSUA Clinics and in Apprentice Program	____ - 2.50 ____ - 2.50 ____ - 2.50 ____ - 2.50	During a live ball situation, does not see scoring runners remove helmet prior to entering dead ball area. At start of inning, allows batter to take position on opponents side of batters box Allows more than one (1) on deck batter. Allows team huddling between innings.
<b>MINIMIZES DELAYS - (10)</b>		____ - ____ ____ - ____ ____ - ____ ____ - ____	
<b>GENERAL KNOWLEDGE - (10)</b>		____ - 8.50 ____ - 1.00 ____ - .50	Misinterprets / applies incorrectly NFHS, NHIAA and/or NHSUA rules Informs new pitcher of status/situation Pickle play - incorrectly applied call responsibility
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