

Pitching Questions/Situations

1. When does a pitch begin?
 - a. RULING:
 - b. Rule reference(s)
2. F1 takes the pitching position with their hands already together. Is this legal or illegal?
 - o RULING:
 - o Rule reference(s)
2. F1 is (a) behind the pitcher's plate, takes a signal from F2 and then steps on the pitcher's plate immediately bringing the hands together; (b) on the pitcher's plate, looks to their coach in the dugout for a signal and then simulates taking a signal from F2 before bringing the hands together; or (c) behind the pitcher's plate, takes a signal from the coach or F2, steps on the pitcher's plate, simulates taking a signal from F2 before bringing the hands together.
 - o RULING:(a):
 - o RULING: (b):
 - o Rule reference(s):
3. Prior to starting the delivery (pitch), F1 takes a position with (a) the pivot foot on top of the pitcher's plate, (b) the heel or toe of the pivot foot in contact with the pitcher's plate or (c) neither foot in contact with the pitcher's plate.
 - o RULING:(a):
 - o RULING: (b):
 - o RULING (c):
 - o Rule reference(s):
4. With R1 on third base and R2 on first base, B3 hits an illegal pitch to deep left-center field. R1 scores, R2 reaches third base and B3 stops at first base.
 - o RULING:
 - o Rule reference(s):
5. F1 takes a position on the pitcher's plate with their hands separated and the ball in the pitching hand. After taking or simulating taking a signal, F1 (a) brings their hands together then separates the hands while still on the pitching plate as F1's coach has given a new signal for F1 to receive from the catcher; (b) F1 tosses the ball from hand to glove and back to the hand before taking a new signal; or (c) F1 keeps their hands together as F1 receives a new signal from the catcher. In (a) and (b) F1 then brings the hands together and starts the pitching motion to deliver a pitch. In (c), F1 starts the pitching motion to deliver the pitch.
 - o RULING:(a):
 - o RULING: (b):
 - o RULING (c):
 - o Rule reference(s):

6. R1 is on first base with no outs and a 1-1 count on B2. R1 legally leaves first base in an attempt to steal second base as the plate umpire calls an illegal pitch on F1. B2 swings and misses the ball, which gets past the catcher as (a) R1 advances safely to third base, (b) R1 is thrown out at third base, or (c) R1 is safe at third base, but the throw from F2 sails over F5 into left field and R1 subsequently scores.
 - RULING:(a):
 - RULING: (b):
 - RULING (c):
 - Rule reference(s):

7. F1, while winding up, slides the pivot foot forward just off the pitcher's plate to enable the pivot without catching F1's cleats as F1 turns to deliver a pitch. As a result, F1's foot is not in contact with the pitcher's plate when the ball is released.
 - RULING:(a):
 - Rule reference(s)