

2025 NYSSO MANUAL UPDATES

COACHES PRE-GAME MEETING (GROUND RULES)

- ~~Equipment Check~~
 - ~~All umpires arrive at the dugout area together—One can check bats, the other helmets. Do not split up.~~
 - ~~Bats with dents or signs of excessive wear are not legal.~~
 - ~~Check bats for excessive wear to the bat grip or excessively exposed handle.~~
 - ~~Confirm bats have the proper certification and aren't on the banned bat list.~~
 - ~~Make sure the helmets and face guards have a NOCSAE label and the helmets are not cracked. Masks must be properly affixed.~~
- Five minutes prior to start time make sure any players still warming up return to the dugout. **On-field warmups are prohibited during the conference.**
 - Ask for the coach, captains (preferably no more than two) and line-up cards.
 - **The head coach is required to attend the conference.**
 - **Confirm with the head coach of each team that their equipment is legal and safe and that all players are legally and properly equipped. The game may not start unless the head coach answers in the affirmative.**

PRIOR TO THE FIRST PITCH

- **Make sure there is only one on-deck batter and that she is located in her own on-deck circle. Only one is permitted outside the dugout/team area, even starting an inning. Request that the head coach direct any other offensive players back into the dugout. This is a major liability issue not subject to discretion.**

COACHES

The head coach of each must be present and the pre-game conference. Assistant coach(es) may join.

INFIELD FLY

- If the batted ball lands uncaught and the umpires failed to declare an infield fly, the rule is still enforced and umpires must negate any jeopardy they caused to either team.

THREE-UMPIRE SYSTEM

- **Base umpires are still square to home plate, regardless of whether there are runners on base. When starting on the line and responsible for a runner (pick-off or steal attempt), the base umpire may start slightly off the line and slightly angle toward the infield.**
- **Checked Swings**
 - **When base umpires start on the line, the plate umpires should ask 3BU for help on left-handed batters and 1BU on right-handed batters.**
 - **Once a base umpire is rotated off the line (regardless of their position), all check swings will go to the umpire remaining on the line (regardless of whether the batter is right-handed or left-handed).**

- **PU:** Behind F2
- **1BU:** 6 - 8 ft. behind 1st base in foul ground square to the plate
- **3BU**
 - **Option 1:** 6-8 ft. behind 2nd base square to the plate and **inside** a direct line from 2nd to 3rd base.
 - **Option 2:** 6-8 ft. behind 2nd base square to the plate and **inside** a direct line from 1st to 2nd base.