

EJECTION PROTOCOL & PROCEDURE

(This document is a compliation of Dan Dashaies presentation in 2012 and Barry Fuller's guidelines to the "mechanics" of Ejecting a Head Coach in 2013. Please review the entire document prior to the season.)

When to Listen-When to Act-When to Warn-When to Eject

- I. Restriction vs. Ejection
 - A. The rule: Coaches, restrict/eject. Must stay in dugout unless injury.
 - B. Philosophy:
 - C. Mechanic
- II. May warn/May EJECT
 - A. Helmets off when ball live: Team warning- Next EJECT
 - B. Carelessly throwing bat: Team warning- Next EJECT
 - C. Fake tag: Team warning/obstruction- Next EJECT
 - D. Vulgarity: Ump hears or all can hear.
 - E. Players leaving dugouts during live balls. (runners scoring)
 -Team warning, eject next offender(s).
- III. Automatic EJECTIONS:
 - A. Physical contact with umpire, NO exceptions
 - B. Fighting: Attempting to strike, NO exceptions.
 - C. Throwing of equipment at umps call.
 - D. Malicious contact: Out and eject.
 - E. Vulgarity at ump: YOU suck vs. that call sucked
 - F. Leaving position to fight, no exceptions.
 - G. Throwing equipment that hits dugout/screens/etc
 - H. Throwing at batter: Deliberate vs. Warnings?
 - I. Charging mound
- IV. Post game:
 - Rule: any comments or situation that would result in an ejection after the game that would have resulted in an ejection before umps leave game site. Eject & notify assignor

SITUATIONS

- 1. Pitcher throwing at batter:
- 2. Batter drawing lines on umpire:
- 3. Batter/pitcher making motions/actions to ump that show disgust:
- 4. Umpire getting heat from dugout:
- 5. Dugout behavior:

Pitcher throwing at batter

- -Rule: If deliberate eject, if not warn both teams.
- -Philosophy: After home runs, taunting ETC.
- -Mechanic: Warn both coaches and ALL pitchers for rest of game.

Batter drawing lines on umpire (philosophies)

- -Different ways to handle situation
- 1. Eject?
- 2. Draw own line?
- 3. Circle & brush off plate while talking to batter?
- 4. Kick dirt & line away?
- 5. Call out on third strike?

Batter/pitcher making motions of disgust at pitches

- 1. Go to mound with mask on; ask for ball, and blast player.
- 2. Circle HP, brush off plate and discuss situation with batter.
- 3. Have catcher go to mound and talk to pitcher
- 4. Have coach go to mound to discuss with pitcher.
- 5. EJECT
- Call next strike on batter a strike!
- 7. Call next ball thrown by pitcher a ball.
- 8. Have coach(s) talk to team in-between innings.

UMP getting heat from dugouts on Balls/Strikes

- After one time deal with it:
 - Look into dugout until they notice: Mask on or off?
 - Talk to dugout/coach
 - One warning at most then eject offender.
 - Your next
 - Coach going to mound then brings up balls/strikes

DUGOUT BEHAVIOR

- -Umpires/coaches monitor dugout behavior: bench jockeying/taunting
- Umpire mechanic: Umpire not making call can watch in dugout and look for unacceptable behavior such as language or throwing of equipment etc.

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Procedure for Ejections of Head Coaches:

- Ejecting umpire notifies coach that he has been ejected.
- Ejecting umpire walks away from ejected coach.
- Partner of ejecting umpire immediately walks (with a purpose) toward coach that has been ejected.
- Partner of ejecting umpire takes charge of coach leaving the field. Nothing needs to be said if coach is leaving.
- If coach follows ejecting umpire, partner should step between without touching.
- If coach does not leave, partner of ejecting umpire will inform the ejected coach that the game is subject to forfeit if he does not leave. Do not give him an amount of time (e.g. "you have two minutes").
- If he does not leave in a reasonable amount of time, forfeit the game.
- Fill out the <u>Ejection/Restriction Form</u> on the website and call assignor and interpreter.
- Under no circumstances should this be a one umpire process unless the coach leaves the field as soon as he is ejected.
- Please support your partner; you are a team.

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