



NCAA Baseball Rules Interpretations and Clarification

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1-6 Home Plate.

The use of a home plate that is a painted area of exact dimensions and location on an artificial turf field is permitted.

2-75-e Note 1. Procedure for enforcing penalties.

This note is reworded as follows:

Note 1: When applying the suspension rule, penalties shall be served for the team's next previously scheduled complete contest(s). If a previously scheduled game has been postponed, that complete make-up game against the originally scheduled opponent shall count as a regularly scheduled contest. If the next scheduled competition is the completion of a halted game from earlier in the season for which the individual was eligible, they may participate in the completion of the halted game and will serve the suspension during the next previously scheduled complete game(s). Games may not be added after the incident in order to fulfill the requirements of this rule.

8-2-e Exception

If, with a runner on third base and trying to score by means of a squeeze play or a steal, the catcher or any other fielder interferes with the batter, steps on or in front of home base without possession of the ball, or touches the batter or his bat, the pitcher shall be charged with a balk, the batter shall be awarded first base on the interference and the ball is dead.

2-55 Addition to Note 4

The following becomes the second sentence of the Note:

A pickoff occurs when a pitcher or catcher throws to a base between pitches in an attempt to retire a runner who is either leading off or about to begin stealing the next base, or to keep a runner close to the base.

Appendix E, Section 2

For use with video replay:

Add to criteria "b" after the first sentence: If the replay is called for after a play that ends the inning, the defensive team shall maintain their position on the field or return to their positions

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during the replay review. If the inning or game ending play is reversed, the defensive team shall not lose its right to make an appeal that they thought would be unnecessary due to the end of the inning.

Appendix E, Section 2

Interpretations: When available, conferences using video review may appoint an appropriate individual to be responsible to review the video replays. This individual will assist the umpires on the field in determining if the play will stand as called on the field or if it will be overturned. The video review must still be initiated by the umpires on the field.

Rationale: Under Appendix E Getting the Call Right, Section 2, when using video replay the video feed is to be located on the field level to allow umpires easy access to the view replays without having to walk through the spectators. This rule was initially written with regular season games and umpire staff in mind. Conferences may also appoint a replay official to review plays and communicate with the umpires on or near the field if that staff and technology is available.