

SBU Training Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2023

1:30-2:00 pm/Gathering, Socializing/Room Setup

2:00: Introduction: Clark Cosby, Frank Wintersteen

Introductory Topics:

- ✓ Clark Cosby demonstrated care of equipment and professional appearance as a base umpire.
- ✓ Frank Wintersteen spoke about general characteristics of a good umpire and how to move up in the ranks to officiating higher level games:
 - Professional Appearance
 - Show Hustle (but do not over-hustle)
 - Be Coachable-listen to your more veteran partners
 - Be Approachable
 - Be Dependable

Training Topics Basic: The “Great Eight”

✓ **Calling Balls & Strikes**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zf84ZrxOI7U> (4:48) basic positioning

✓ **Fair/ Foul**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=zuio0TBfWBQ> (4:46)

Foul Tip vs Foul Ball

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P0v0RcXe1ac> (6:35)

✓ **Catch/No Catch**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0tZjWyICJsU> (30 seconds-Outfield Catch?)

Catch/No-Catch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=96sy9-xpJU0> (Note: Do not listen to the announcers in this video, they are not the umpires. Also, two umpires should NOT be making conflicting calls. Know your fly ball coverages when you are on the bases and/or at the plate. There should have been only one umpire making the call on this play.)

- ✓ **Out/Safe** When ball has been hit fair, do the following;
 - Pause, Read, then React (Determine where the play is likely to occur.)
 - Keep your chest to the ball (Prevents getting beamed in the head.)
 - Angle over distance (Better to be at a good angle than just to get closer to the play.)
 - Come set (Make sure your “camera” has stopped moving.)
 - Proper use of eyes/Timing (Make sure the play has been completed and review in your mind what you just saw before making the call.)

Training Topics/Rule # 3: Game Management

- ✓ **Substitutions/Lineup Card Management:**
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5RYnUubAi5Y> (length 23:15)
- ✓ **Conferences:**
 - Defensive Conferences: 3 charged conferences per game
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQ4zXLi9aM> (length 12:45)
 - Removing the pitcher is not a conference/Checking on an injury is not a conference.
 - Offensive Conferences: 1 charged conference per inning (meeting with base runners, batter, etc.)
- ✓ **Ejections of Players**
 - Malicious Contact: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LlTmBkzh04I> (length 12:14)
 - Unsportsmanlike Conduct (refusal to follow umpire instructions, throwing equipment, public disapproval of umpire call, profanity.)
- ✓ **Ejections of Coaches (the 5 P's)**
 - Personal (You suck.)
 - Prolonged (Yes, but, Yes, but)
 - Persistent (inning after inning, arguing the same call over and over)
 - Profane (F&*K you)
 - Public/demonstrating (line in the dirt, pointing, etc.)
 - Do not respond to assistant coaches/head coach only

Announcements:

- ✓ **Batting Cage Trainings** will occur at Athletic Edge Batting Facility on Saturday, February 11, from 3:00-5:00, and on Saturday, February 25, from 3:00-5:00. Priority for participation will go to new umpires first.
- ✓ **Brochures and Business Cards** are available for recruiting new umpires.

Meeting adjourned 3:45 PM