



Catawba Umpires Association

June 2, 2024



All rise as GCU is in Session



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- 2024 Rule Changes and Points of Emphasis
 - Rules:
 - All Games
 - No electronic devices allowed
 - Base coaches must wear protective helmets in coach's box
 - Uniforms are required for coaches
 - Coaches remain in the dugout unless coaching the bases
 - No chairs, buckets, etc. outside the dugout
 - No props outside the dugout – Team Warning
 - No trash talk, bench jockeying, taunting, bat flips, etc. – Team Warning



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• Rules:

- Senior Legion Games
 - DH rule is for the pitcher only NO P/DH
 - 1 Trip to the pitcher per inning
 - 90 Seconds between half innings
 - Balk is a live ball
 - 3rd to 1st base move is not allowed
 - 4 Coaches maximum in dugout
 - Courtesy runners and re-entry allowed in the regular season if approved by league
- Junior Legion Games
 - NFHS Rules apply, not SCHSL rules
 - No 15 Run rule
 - Dead ball appeals are allowed
 - Balk – Dead ball
 - 3rd to 1st base move is allowed
 - Eye Black – 1 strip under each eye, anything else gets cleaned up before allowed to play



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 - Rules:
 - Resources:
 - SC American Legion:
 - <https://scalb.org/teams/default.asp?u=SOUTHCAROLI-BASEBALL&s=baseball&p=home>
 - Catawba Umpire American Legion Quick Rule reference sheet:
 - https://www.catawbaumpires.com/_files/ugd/od194c_6db0357cobb8470394e229047731d4b5.pdf



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 - Expectations:
 - Arrive 45 min - 1 Hr prior to start
 - Assume Plate meeting will be 15 minutes prior to start to allow for Creed and National Anthem and line up announcements
 - Parking – know where you're going to park .
 - Proper attire: Coordinate with partner on shirt and hat (Association or Legion hats only)
 - Legion hats require for playoffs



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 - Professionalism:
 - We are professionals show them that from first meeting and on the field.
 - Be Nice until you can't be Nice no more!



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GCU is Adjourned...



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Questions & Comments