

CSOA Rules 6 – 7 - 10
Discussion Questions 2009

1. While playing defense, the shortstop sometimes deliberately waves her arms prior to the pitch to distract the batter. Most often she uses the tactic when the batter has two strikes. What's your call?

2. R2 is on 2nd base with one out and a 2-0 count on B3. F1 commits an illegal pitch but delivers the ball and B3 hits a single sending R2 to 3rd base. Is the offensive coach allowed an option?

3. The batting order for the home team reads: Able, Baker, Charles, Daniel, etc. Abel leads off the fifth inning and hits a double. Charles erroneously bats in Baker's batting position and hits a fly ball that is caught by F8. Able legally tags up at 2nd base but is thrown out at 3rd base on a perfect throw by F8. The defensive team calls time and appeals batting out of order. What's your call?

4. R1 is on 1st base with one out as B3 bats with a 1-1 count. B3 swings and ticks the ball sharply and directly off F2's glove. The ball then strikes F2's shoulder and bounces high into the air with R1 advancing to 2nd base. F2 moves two steps to her right and secures the ball in her glove. F2 then throws to F3 standing on 1st base. What's your call?

5. With one out, B2 bats with a 1-2 count. B2 swings and ticks the ball directly off F2's chest protector. F2 then grabs the ball with her throwing hand before the ball touches the ground. What's your call?

6. With one out, B2 bats with a 1-2 count. B2 swings and nicks the ball sharply and directly off F2's glove. The ball then rebounds off F2's chest protector and rebounds in fair territory, where the ball is caught in the air by F1. What's your call?

7. B1 hits a fair ball in front of the plate. B1's discarded bat settles in fair ground and backspin on the untouched ball causes the ball to strike the bat. What's your call?

8. In the top of the first inning, the player who is listed as the catcher appears to pull a hamstring while beating out an infield single to 1st base. What's your call?

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1. 6-2-8
The ball is dead immediately and an illegal pitch is declared even if a pitch isn't delivered.
Award a ball to the batter and advance any runner s one base.
2. 6-2-3 exception
Yes, the coach of the team at bat has the option of taking the result of the play (R2 on 3rd base and B3 on 1st base) or the penalty for the illegal pitch (R2 in awarded 3rd base and B3 returns to the plate with a count of 3-0).
3. 7-1-2 penalty 2 effect
Casebook 7.1.1c
First the plate umpire declares Baker out and the out on the bases at 3rd base by Able stands.
The out by Baker, the proper batter, for batting out of order stands but supercedes the out made by the improper batter Charles.
Play resumes with two outs and the proper batter is now Charles
4. 7-2-1d; 2-25-2
It is a foul tip and the ball is live and in play. R1 is allowed to remain on 2nd base and B3 remains at bat with a count of 1-2.
5. 7-2-1d; 2-25-2
Foul ball. B2 continues to bat with a 1-2 count
6. 7-2-1d; 2-25-2
Foul ball. B2 continues to bat with a 1-2 count
7. 7-4-13
The ball is live and in play if the ball remains in fair territory. If the ball is not touched by a fielder, rule fair or foul by the regular fair-foul rule without regard to the ball touching the bat
8. 3-1-3
The offensive team can substitute for her and if she's able and eligible to return to the game, she could re-enter