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The following point of emphasis language is intended to clarify the expectation of how an umpire will handle illegally and improperly equipped scenarios related to NOCSAE standards.

Below are the CIAC guidelines for officials on the handling of situations involving an illegally or improperly equipped team or player and/or an insufficient supply of NOCSAE stamped baseballs. This language should apply at all levels of play and include games and scrimmages when an umpire is in charge.

- A. When, prior to the start of play, a coach states that a team is not legally and properly equipped, the umpire in charge shall determine whether the team can become legally and properly equipped. If it is determined that the team cannot become legally and properly equipped, the game shall not begin and the outcome will be determined by the CIAC.
- B. When a team is discovered to be illegally or improperly equipped during the course of a game, the umpire in charge shall determine whether the team can become legally and properly equipped. If it is determined that the team cannot become legally and properly equipped, the game shall be stopped and the outcome will be determined by the CIAC.
- C. When a game in progress runs out of NOCSAE stamped baseballs and it has been determined by the umpire in charge that additional NOCSAE stamped baseballs are not available, the game shall be stopped and the outcome will be determined by the CIAC.

*Please note: Before leaving the field, the umpire in charge should ensure that both the home and visitor scorebook agree on the point at which play was stopped. This should include, at minimum, the inning, number of outs, batter at bat, count on the batter, pitcher, runners on base, and score. The coach of each team must report pitch count through the CIAC reporting system immediately when a game is stopped for this purpose.

Sincerely,

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