



USABL Umpires

2022 Training

Important Phone Numbers – **Text Only**

USABL Umpires Hotline

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USABL Tournaments

All Tournament scores

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Umpire Chiefs

Ron Marino

Frank Salesi

Tom Marino

Assistant Chiefs

Mike Adamson

Dean Esposito

Paul Favaloro

Greg Patella

Jim Portella

Mark Smith

15 Regional Sub Assignors

League Games and Weekly Tournaments

- Most games between Tom River and NY/NJ Border
- Some games in Eastern Pennsylvania, Staten Island, Rockland County, Barnegat area
- Weekly Tournaments from Mid March through Mid November (depending on weather)
- Expecting roughly 20,000 games for the year (mostly on weekends)

Payment Schedule

- You are an independent contractor – 1099
- Payments are deposited electronically to your ArbiterPay account every other Thursday.
- Games Fees are based on age and regular season vs tournament
- \$25 Yearly dues covers insurance and arbiter fees

Uniform/Equipment

- Black shirt is default and must always have it
- Blue shirt is optional for summer
- Match your partner
- Shirts/hats must be bought from Smitteez.com
<https://www.smitteez.com/index.php/categories/usabl>
- Equipment can be bought anywhere
- Charcoal pants
- Highly recommend pullover
- **No NAVY shirts**

Arbiter Web Scheduling Software

- Blocks
- Assignments up to one week ahead
- Accept/Decline – Immediately
- Download Arbiter Mobile App for iPhone/Android
- Enter your mobile number and mobile carrier in arbiter so that you will receive text messages when you get assignments or last- minute changes
- Ready to be assigned box
- Blocks

1. Umpire Resources

- <https://www.usabl.com/umpireresources>
- <https://www.umpirebible.com/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/>
- CCA Baseball Manual – google it

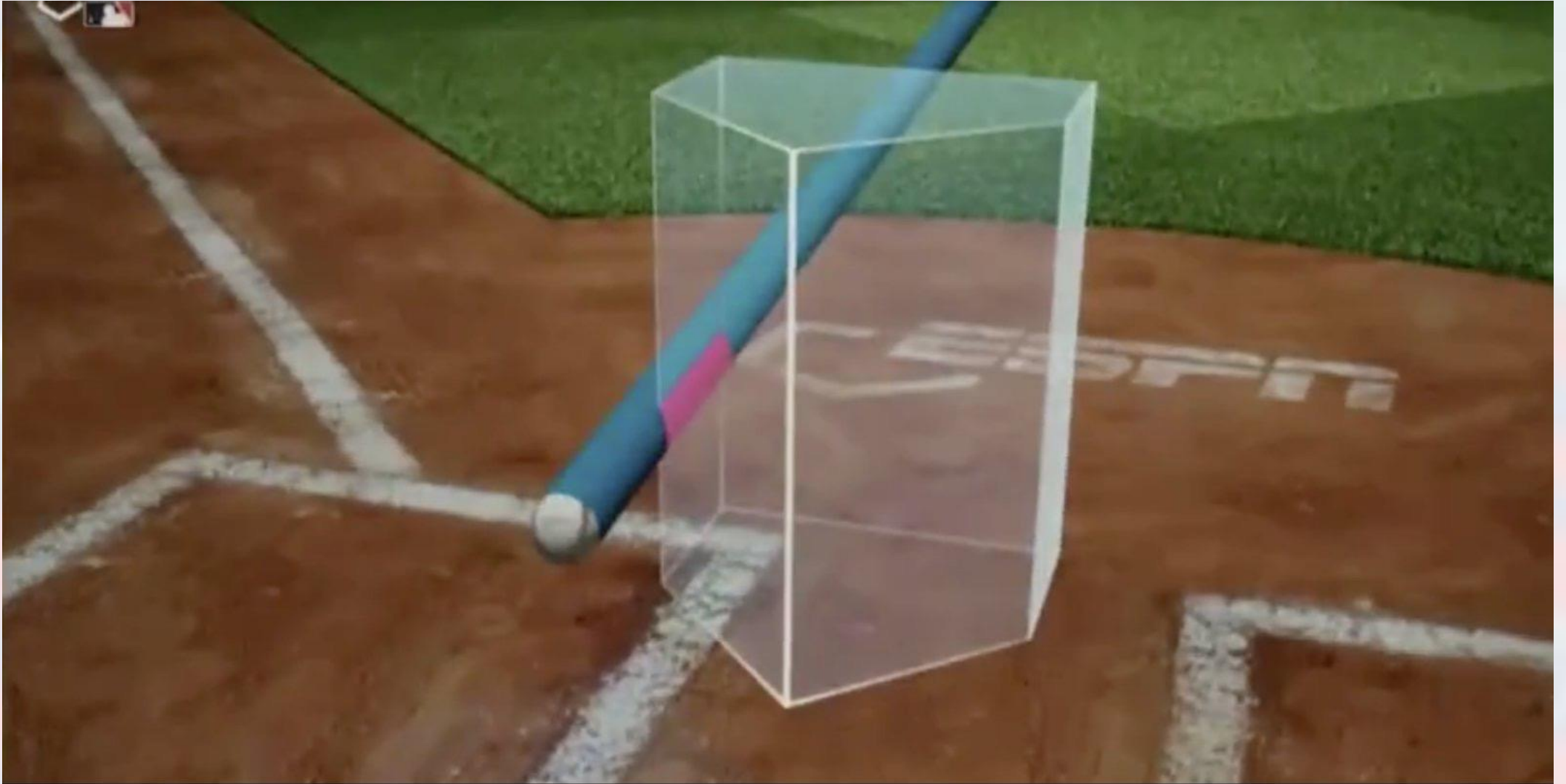
2. Rules

- 46/60 follow Little League Rules
- 50/70 follows NFHS Rules
- 60/90 up to 18U follows NFHS Rules
- 60/90 Men's League follows OBR rules
- USABL defines a set of rules which overrides the above - usabl.com/rules
- **Start with the NFHS rules**

3. Appearance/Attitude

- Don't show up looking like you slept in your uniform.
- Black belt, black sleeves only
- Have a spray bottle filled with soapy water and a rag in your trunk. Clean off your shoes before/after games
- Be approachable
- Learn from each umpire you work with

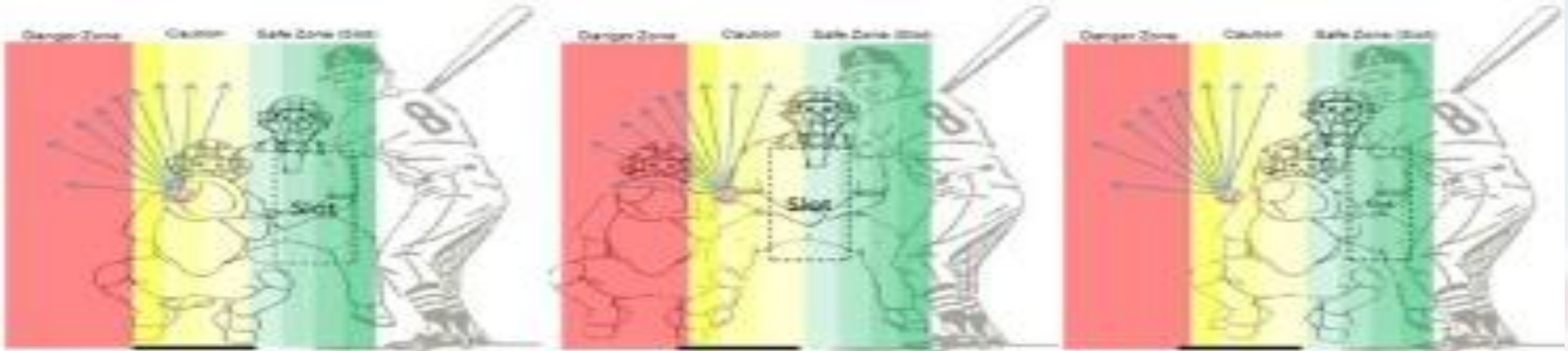
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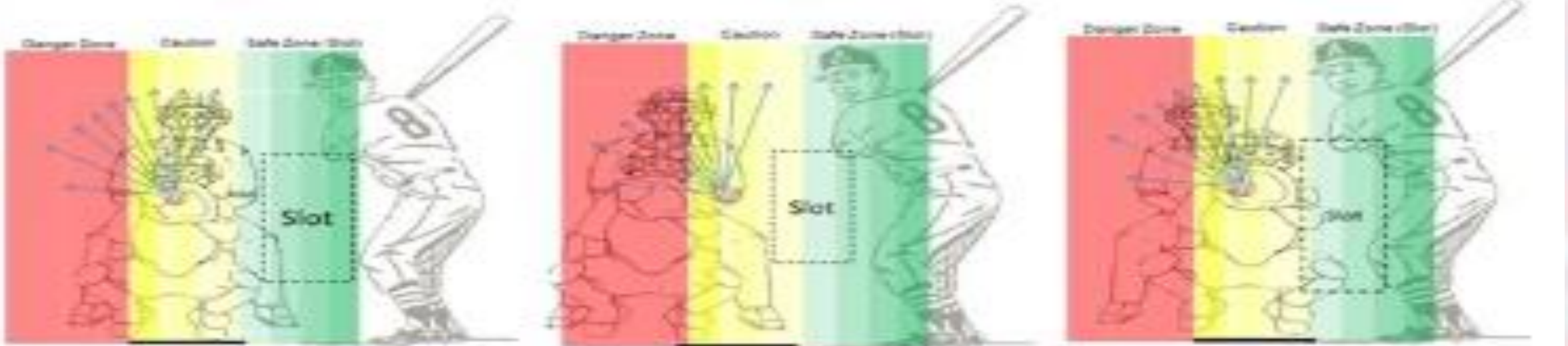
5. Mechanics – Slot Position



Work the slot in Green Zone

Stay in the slot in Green Zone

Work the slot in Green Zone

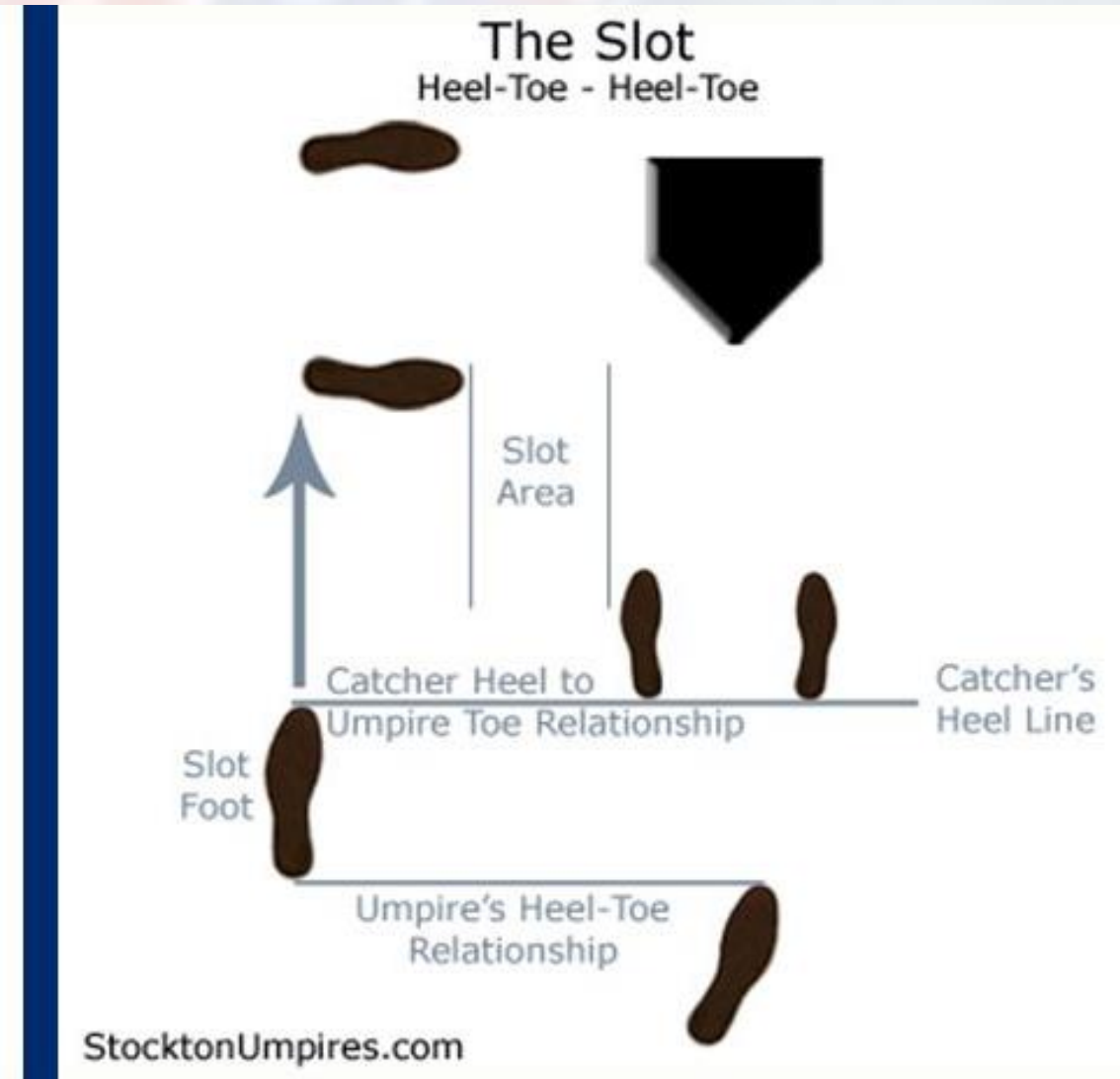
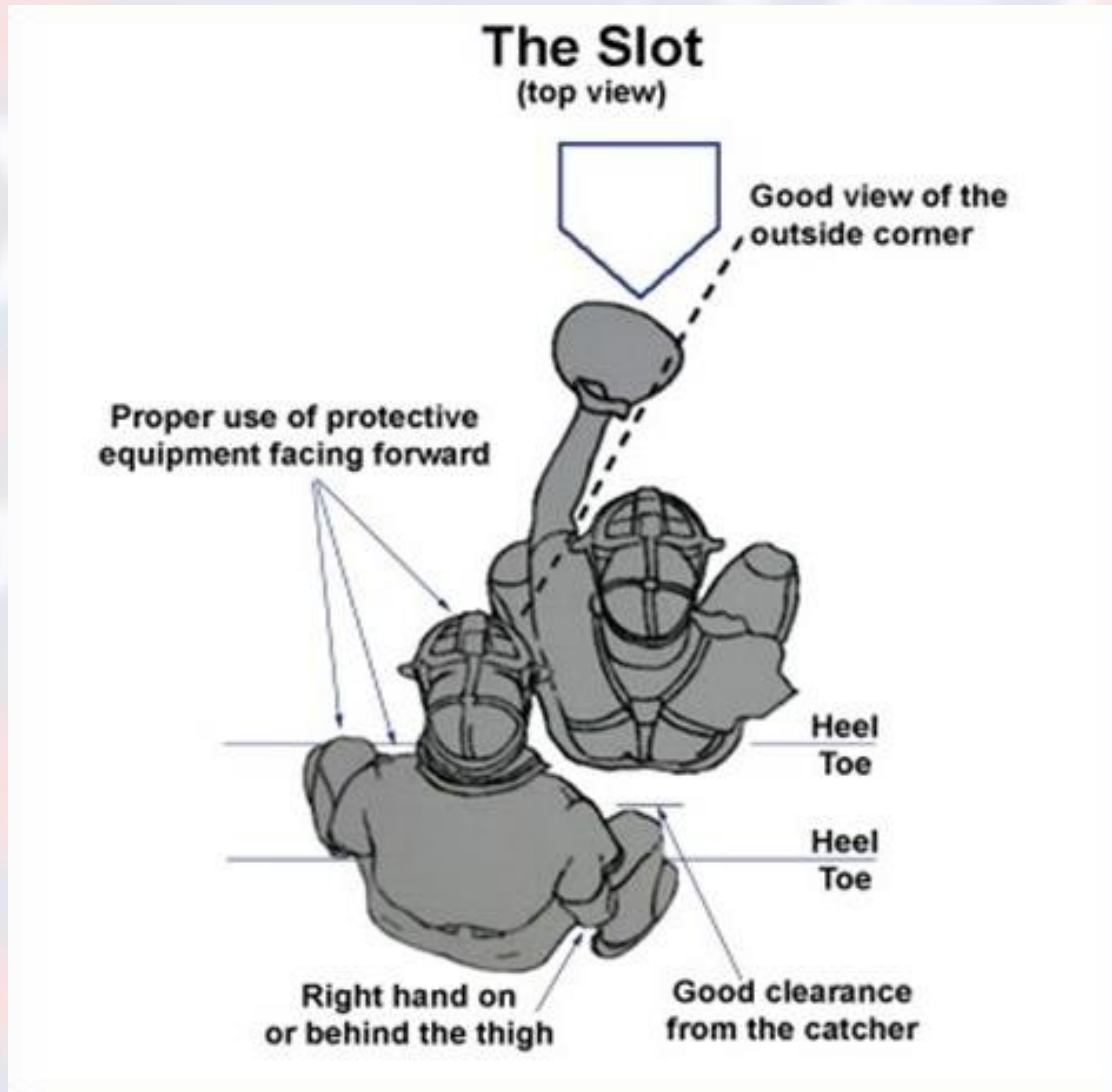


Moving with the catcher in Yellow Zone

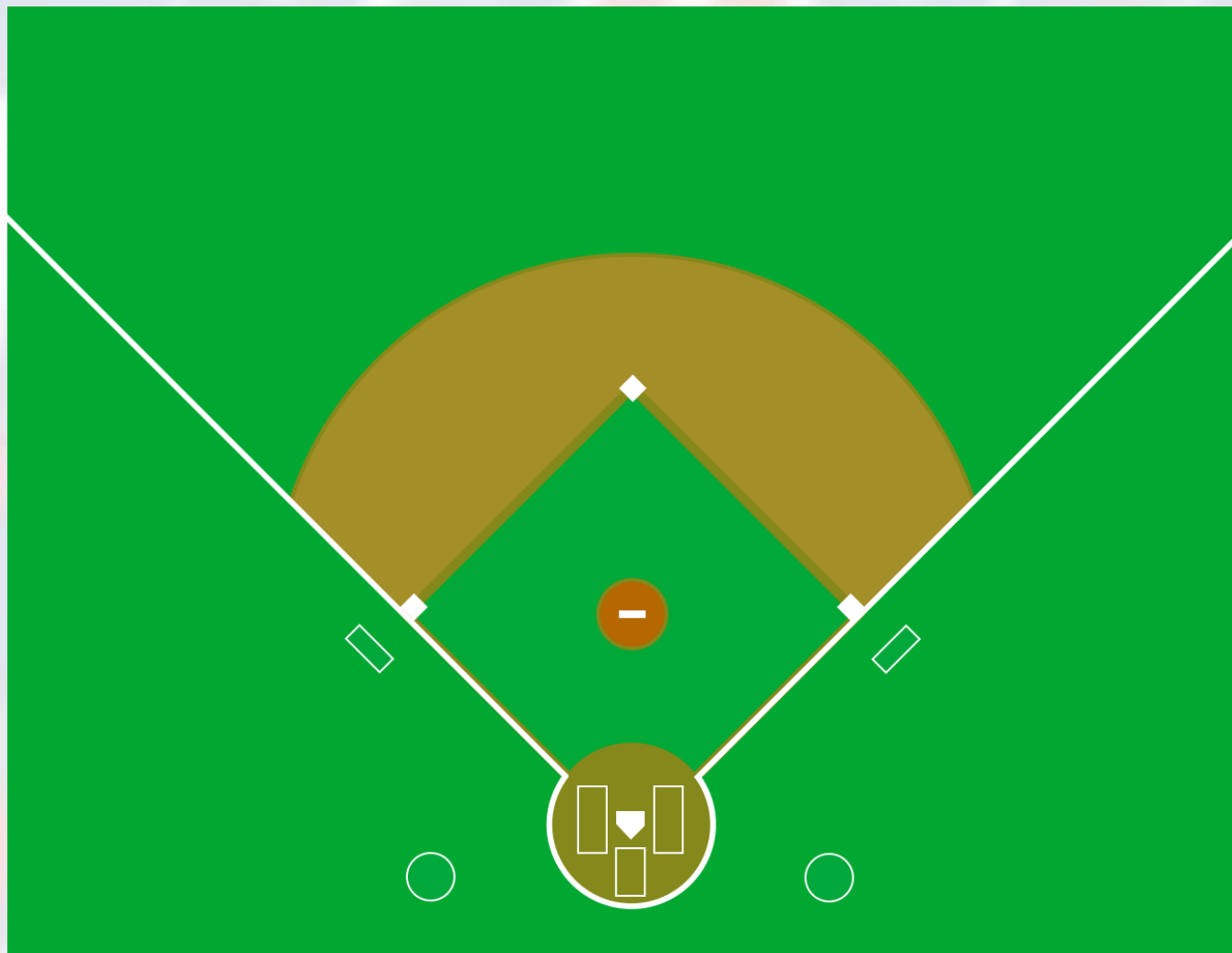
Moving with the catcher in Danger Zone

NEVER Move to the opposite side of catcher

5. Mechanics – Heel/Toe



5. Mechanics – Field



6. Common Rules

Catch - Firm and Secure possession and voluntary release. Change of direction/Momentum.

Force play slide rule

An infield fly is a fair fly (not including a line drive nor an attempted bunt) which can be caught by an infielder with ordinary effort, (rule does not preclude outfielders from being allowed to attempt to make the catch).

Base Awards

1 base from mound (pitch or pickoff that goes out of play)

2 bases all others from either

Time of pitch (first play in infield)

time of release (all others)

Balks

Batting out of order

Rundowns

7. Interference/Obstruction

Obstruction

“Obstruction is an act (intentional or unintentional, as well as physical or verbal) by a fielder, any member of the defensive team or its team personnel that hinders a runner or changes the pattern of play; or when a catcher or fielder hinders a batter. When obstruction occurs, the ball becomes dead at the end of playing action and the umpire has authority to determine which base or bases shall be awarded the runners according to the rule violated”.

Minimum 1 base award

Interference

Batter Interfere with the catcher’s fielding or throwing by leaning over home plate, stepping out of the batter’s box, making any other movement, including follow-through interference, which hinders actions at home plate or the catcher’s attempt to play on a runner

Runner fails to execute a legal slide, or does not attempt to avoid the fielder or the play on a force play at any base.

Runner intentionally interferes with a throw or a thrown ball; or he hinders a fielder on his initial attempt to field a batted ball

Batter runner runs outside the three-foot running lane (last half of the distance from home plate to first base), while the ball is being fielded or thrown to first base.

Follow through interference by batter.

8. Game Management

- Arrive at the field at least 25 minutes before game time
- Pre-game meeting with partner
 - Review Signals and responsibilities
- Plate meeting 5 minutes before game time
 - Ground rules
 - Runner for catcher
 - Time limit
 - Etc
- Be approachable
- Keep batters in the box
- 90-120 seconds in between innings
- Don't chat with coaches/friends during the game