



CASO Umpires March 2023 Newsletter

Prospective Rookie Umpires

Over the past year, CASO has worked hard to recruit new umpires. As you know, CASO, like nearly every group, is experiencing a shortage of officials. [An article from the Johnston, PA press](#) discussed the problem and noted that 15% to 20% of Pennsylvania officials have quit.

We are hoping that many of the over 70 individuals who are on our recruitment list will be joining us for training in January. Those individuals come from a variety of sources. Many include recruitment efforts from our individual CASO umpires. Others are from the occasional list that the Maryland Public Secondary School Athletic Association sends to all groups in Maryland.

Still, even as we are in our offseason hiatus, if you know of somebody who would like to umpire, please have them contact Jim Morton or Joe Holonich. We can easily add them to our recruitment list.

From the Case Book

These are actual situations that have occurred in games.

Situation 1:

With two outs, a runner on third, and a two-strike count, the batter strikes out, but the pitch gets away from the catcher. As it rolls to the backstop, A) the batter passes first, missing the base, and safely reaches second base; or B) touches first base and, because of an overthrow, advances to third base but misses second base. In both instances, the runner from third scored.

An appeal is made that the batter missed the base.

Ruling: A) The batter is declared out for missing first base, and the run does not score. B) The batter is declared out for missing second base, and the run scores.

A) **Rule 9-1, Article 1, Exception:** A run is not scored if the runner advances to home plate during action in which the third out is made as follows:

d. when a third out is declared on an appeal play resulting in a force out (this play takes precedence if enforcing it would negate a score).

B) **Rule 2-24, Article 1:** ...A force play is a play in which a runner (or two or three runners) loses the right to the base occupied and is forced to advance...

Article 2: ...For a given runner, a force play ends as soon as the runner touches the next base...

Rule 2-63: A timing play is a play when the last out of an inning is not the result of a force out... If a runner should touch home plate an instant before the last out (which is not a force out) is made, then the run would score.

Today's Question

Question:

Answer:

[Visit our webpage](#) on becoming an umpire to get more information. Plus, you can see more about becoming an umpire on our [FAQs page](#).

Look for our next newsletter in March 2023.

If you have any questions, feel free to [email our assigner, Joe Holonich](#).

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