



Rule Questions

1. All players must be within the white foul lines on the playing field when the pitch is released.
True or False Rule: 3.2.2 b)
2. In U19 or above, the catcher asks for time to talk about "signals" with the pitcher. Because they are going to talk about signals the PU does not charge the defence with a Defensive Delay.
True or False Rule: 4.2.3

Two Umpire System

This system is probably the most used one in the province throughout the season. It's easy to use if you prepare to work it before the season starts. Knowledge of this or any system starts with the umpire taking the time to review it before their first game.

Start with the starting positions at the start of each inning, remembering everyone at the game is watching the umpires from the moment they leave the dressing room.

Starting in the proper position and knowing where to go on a ground ball or fly ball, will lead to having the confidence to be in the proper position to make the call.

If you continue to review the system throughout the season, you'll realize that the game slows down for you, as you're in the proper position more often.

Here's the link to the Two Umpire System.

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Self-Evaluation

"The process or an instance of [assessing](#) oneself and [weighing](#) up one's [achievements](#)."

This is an important tool that if used properly will lead one to understand strengths and weaknesses as an official. To properly use this tool, one must be willing, to be **honest** with one's performance when measured by established Softball Canada standards.

Keep a journal of your self-evaluations to review your progress during the season. Discuss your strengths and areas to work on with other umpires and mentors, they can provide you with feedback to either confirm your evaluations or make you aware of your need to be truly honest when self-evaluation.