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RULE REMINDERS

Dear GSA member

As a reminder to you all please find below information taken from the ISF PLAYING RULES & the GSA RULES

We are all currently witnessing base running particularly towards 2nd but also 1st which contravenes these playing rules. We all need to remind ourselves of what is acceptable and understand the measures that may be taken by the officials should we utilise any element of “poor gamesmanship”.

It is also noticeable once an injury occurs that not all teams have a first aid kit.

ISF PLAYING RULES

Rule 8 Sec. 2. BATTER-RUNNER IS OUT.

g. When he/she:

1. Runs outside the one meter (3 ft.) line and, in the umpire's judgment, interferes with
 - (a) The fielder taking the throw at first base, or
 - (b) The thrown ball, preventing a fielder from making a play at first base.

NOTE: A thrown ball striking a batter-runner does not necessarily constitute interference.

2. **Interferes with a fielder attempting to field a batted ball.**

NOTE: The batter-runner may run outside the one-meter line to avoid a fielder attempting to field the batted ball.

3. **Interferes with a fielder attempting to throw a ball.**

4. Intentionally interferes with a thrown ball.

NOTE - Sec. 2g (1-7): If this interference is, in the umpire's judgment, an obvious attempt to prevent a double play, the runner closest to home plate at the time of the interference shall also be called out.

Rule 8 Sec. 9. THE RUNNER IS OUT.

o. When, after a runner, batter or batter-runner has been declared out, or after a runner has scored, the runner, batter or batter-runner interferes with a defensive player's opportunity to make a play on another runner. A runner continuing to run and drawing a throw will be considered a form of interference.

NOTE: The runner closest to home plate, at the time of the interference, will be called out.

s. When a defensive player has the ball, and is waiting for the runner, and the runner **remains on his feet and deliberately crashes** into the defensive player.

NOTE: If the act is determined to be flagrant, the offender shall be ejected.

EFFECT - Sec. 9k-s:

The ball is dead and other runners must return to the last base legally held at the time of the interference, unless forced to advance because the batter became a batter-runner.

GSA PLAYING RULES

GSA Rule 56. (FIRST AID KIT)

Each team must be in possession of a suitably equipped First Aid Kit and the kit must be present at all of that team's fixtured games and available for inspection at the request of the umpire in charge.