



Mechanics Change

To: Provincial/Territorial UICs, Level V Umpires

Subject: 3 & 4 Umpire Systems — Between Inning Positioning

The ODC is reverting back to the old between inning positions of umpires in the infield. This replaces the “Grazing” positioning used last year at Canadian Championships.

Rational for the change:

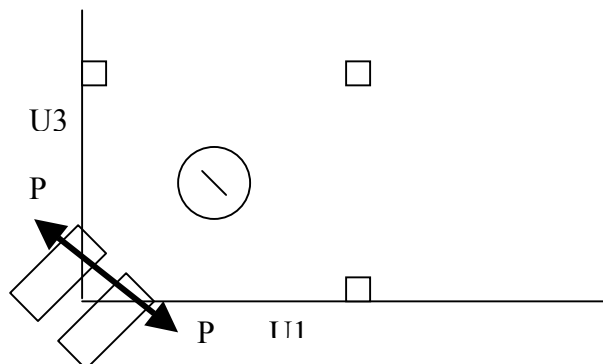
At the recent ISF World Championships in New Zealand the ISF eliminated grazing. Wayne Brown confirmed the elimination of the “Grazing” mechanic with ISF UIC Merle Butler. The ODC is trying to align our mechanics with ISF due to the new ISF certification process. We are incorporating ISF mechanics into our manuals and Power Point presentations.

The “Grazing” was introduced to try and get umpires away from participants after a completed inning. It was felt it could save time and avoid confrontation. The re-introduction of umpires on the infield is due to the following:

1. Time saved with grazing is irrelevant.
2. Provides support for the plate umpire.
3. Looks sharper and more professional.

At the completion of the inning, in the umpire system the umpire closest to the pitching circle cleans the pitcher’s plate. In the 3-umpire system, the third base umpire and first base umpire stand 15-20 feet from their bases on their respective line, (one foot off the line). The plate umpire stands to the side where the defensive catcher comes off the field. The plate umpire sweeps home plate after the warm-up pitches.

3-Umpire system Between inning position



In a 4-umpire system, the Plate umpire remains at the third base side of the diamond and the 2nd base umpire is on the first base line closest to first base.

4-Umpire system
Between inning position

