Baseball Umpire Mechanics Clinic - 2019

Goal: Provide an effective, educational experience for umpires to learn and grow

Provide a Level 1 and a Level 2 clinic within the overall clinic
Level 1 = newer umpire (<3 years exp.) Level 2 = experienced umpire (3+ years exp.)

Pre-clinic training session for clinicians to provide consistent message (phone conference)
  - April 10, 2019
    - 3:30 for Level 1 (Jacobus, Curtis, Hansen, Boyd, Sweeney)
    - 4:15 for Level 2 (Powers, Baxter, Harris, Beltman, Johnson, Harthoorn, Pomeroy, Bruck, Willenborg, Eklund)
  - Instructions to dial into the meeting/conference:
    - Dial 1-866-779-0773
    - Dial 515 432 2011# to enter the conference call

Agenda for the mechanics clinics:

6:15-7:00 Large group
  - POEs
    - Compliance of player's equipment
    - Baserunners' responsibilities
      - 4 reasons (slide illegal vs. legal)
        - Straight into bag
        - Lead foot below knee
        - Hip/buttock on ground (pop-up, roll)
        - Not beyond the bag with contact
  - Dugout control
  - Coach communication
    - Warning
    - Restrict
    - Eject
  - Sportsmanship
  - Baseballs, c-flap, legal equipment, etc.
  - Rule changes
    - Rule 6-1-3
    - Entire pivot foot no longer needs to be in contact with pitcher's plate - set position
  - Directions to view NFHS Mechanics video (in Arbiter Baseball Video or sent as a link?)

7:10-8:10 Level 1 content:
  - Fundamental items for newer umpires
    - Gear to wear, what to purchase, how to wear it
    - Contracts – how to get games
- Communication prior to game – with school and partner
- Show up on time
- Pre-game with umpiring partner
- Plate meeting with coaches
- Brief discussion with catcher prior to first pitch

- Basics of umpiring
  - Basic positioning, stance
  - Timing of calls
  - Basic mechanics (rotation, movement, etc.)

7:10-8:10 Level 2 content:
- Video review
  - Slides (illegal and legal)
  - Malicious contact and slide play at plate (ejection not required)
  - Hybrid stance and balks

8:15-8:30 Q & A

8:30 Registration and dismissal

2019 BASEBALL OFFICIALS CLINICS
Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at Johnston HS (Tharp, Chizek, Curtis)
Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at Le Mars HS (Chizek, Curtis) & Washington, IA HS (Tharp)
Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at Treynor HS (Tharp, Curtis) & Waverly-Shell Rock HS (Chizek)

Clinicians:
- **Wednesday, April 17, 2019 (6:15-8:30 PM) at Johnston HS**
  - Level 2–Trent Powers and Josh Baxter
  - Level 1–Larry Jacobus (Junker)
- **Wednesday, April 24, 2019 (6:15-8:30 PM) at Le Mars HS**
  - Level 2–Mark Harris and Mark Beltman
  - Level 1–Pete Hansen
- **Wednesday, April 24, 2019 (6:15-8:30 PM) at Washington, IA HS**
  - Level 2–Roger Johnson and Joel Harthoorn
  - Level 1–Terry Curtis
- **Wednesday, May 1, 2019 (6:15-8:30 PM) at Treynor HS**
  - Level 2–Dan Pomeroy and Jim Bruck
  - Level 1–Bob Sweeney
- **Wednesday, May 1, 2019 (6:15-8:30 PM) at Waverly-Shell Rock HS**
  - Level 2–Ryan Eklund and Nick Willenborg
  - Level 1–Bill Boyd