



WBSC TOURNAMENTS REPLAY GUIDELINES & PROTOCOL

The implementation of WBSC's play call video review system intends to support our umpiring crews with the latest technology tools to ensure the highest degree of fairness possible in competition. Listed below are the general guidelines, the list of reviewable calls and the protocol to challenge a call.

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

- 1) Each Team Manager will have one (1) challenge per nine (9) innings of play.
- 2) Managers may only challenge calls included in the list of "Reviewable Calls for Managers Challenge"
- 3) If the challenged call is overturned, the Manager will maintain the challenge. If the call is upheld, the Manager will lose the challenge.
- 4) If the game goes into extra innings, each team will receive one (1) extra challenge.
- 5) Beginning in the top of the 8th inning, the Crew Chief can review any reviewable calls regardless of whether the Manager challenges have been used or not. (EXCEPTION: potential Home Run calls, fair/foul plays, spectator interference are reviewable at all times as detailed in section "Reviewable Calls by Crew Chief Initiative")

REVIEWABLE CALLS FOR MANAGERS CHALLENGE:

- 1) Base Running
 - a) Runner passing the runner in front of her
 - b) Time plays
 - c) Runner missing a base while advancing. Defense must appeal prior to review
 - d) Runner(s) leaving early during a tag-up play
 - e) Runner(s) failing to retouch a base when required

- 2) Catch/No Catch Play
 - a) Any play attempted by one of the outfielders
 - b) Any play attempted by an infielder if she is forced to go back into outfield to make the play
 - c) Play in the infield are NOT reviewable (NOTE: infield limit at umpire's discretion).

- 3) Fair / Foul
 - a) Ball must land at or beyond the set position of the 1st/3rd base umpire. Ball landing in front of umpire is NOT reviewable
- 4) Force Plays
 - a) Any force play at any base is reviewable
- 5) Hit by Pitch
 - a) Any hit by pitch is reviewable
 - b) If the hit by pitch occurs on a check swing, the check swing must be appealed prior to asking for review
- 6) Potential Home Run
 - a) Any potential or home run call may be challenged (NOTE: Manager may ask Crew Chief for review without counting as a challenge. Umpire crew should check on potential HR if any doubt. If Crew Chief does not concede review, manager may challenge).
- 7) Collision Rule
 - a) Any collision at any base is reviewable
 - b) Safe/out call will be reviewed while judging potential violation (NOTE: If multiple plays, manager must state at once which ones are being challenged)
- 8) Non-Home Run Boundary
 - a) Any ball/fielder entering dead ball territory
 - b) Spectator interference with a play (all types)
 - c) Specific tournament ground rules (i.e. ball striking catwalk at a dome. NOTE: If a ball hits the catwalk and falls in the infield, not reviewable. Only reviewable if it falls in the outfield)
 - d) Balls lodged during a play (i.e. ball stuck in temporary fence. NOTE: balls stuck reviewable even if a player goes after it and tries to retrieve it)
 - e) Placement of runners after a non-home run boundary call. The call prompting the challenge will also be reviewed
- 9) Slide Rule
 - a) When a runner hindered/impeded the fielder and engaged in a bona fide slide on a double play attempt
 - i) If both calls favour the offense (safe/safe), the defense may challenge
 - ii) If both calls favour the defense (out/out), the offense may challenge
 - iii) If one calls favours the offense and one call favours the defense (out/safe, safe/out), both teams may challenge (EXCEPTION: if out call is 3rd out)

NOTES:

- Infielder must make attempt to throw to be reviewable;
- On-field crew will determine a double play attempt on a non-throw;
- If challenging both calls, manager must state it at once or pick which one he is challenging;
- The original calls on the field will dictate whether a play requires one or two trips to review. A team adversely affected by a review can still challenge provided the change of the initial call made a previous call relevant and the manager had no incentive to seek Replay originally. This request for a Manager's Challenge or Crew Chief Review must be made immediately after the announcement of the Replay Official's decision.

10) Tag Plays

- a) A runner potentially being pushed off is NOT reviewable

REVIEWABLE CALLS BY CREW CHIEF INITIATIVE:

- 1) Any reviewable calls upon start of the 8th inning.
- 2) Potential Home Runs.
- 3) Record Keeping situations such:
 - a. Counts
 - b. Outs
 - c. Score
- 4) Proper/Improper line-up.
- 5) Substitutions.
- 6) Rules review if potential protest by Manager.
- 7) To ask/clarify if a call is reviewable.
- 8) Ground rules review.

CHALLENGE PROTOCOL:

- 1) Upon an umpire's call and the completion of a play, a Manager wishing to challenge a call has ten (10) seconds to signal the Home Plate Umpire to hold with his hand.
- 2) The Manager will then have twenty (20) seconds to decide whether to initiate the challenge or drop the hold.
- 3) If challenging a call, the manager must head to home plate and indicate to the Home Plate Umpire the call that is being challenged.
- 4) If reviewable, the Home Plate Umpire will signal that the call will be reviewed. The Crew Chief and the call Umpire will then head to the video review area to communicate via headphones with the review booth.
- 5) When a review is initiated by the Crew Chief, both managers will be informed of the call that is being reviewed.

- 6) The Umpire(s) assigned to the video review booth will evaluate the replay and make the final call, which will be relayed to the Crew Chief.
- 7) Upon completion of the review, the Crew Chief will signal whether the call stands or is overturned.
- 8) The call by the video review Umpire(s) will be final and may not be argued by neither member of a team. Any team member (player or coach) arguing a call that has been reviewed will be automatically thrown out of the game.
- 9) Team on defense must stay on the field after the third out of an inning if a HOLD is requested by the opposing Manager. If the challenge is requested, the team will remain on the field until the call has been reviewed.
- 10) For teams on defense, the manager must challenge a call before signalling a possible pitching change and/or a no pitch intentional walk.
- 11) For teams on offense, the manager must challenge before the pitcher steps onto the warning track or crosses the foul line (**EXCEPTION:** Crew Chief may allow if defensive manager signalled pitching change/intentional walk in an accelerated manner to prevent offensive challenge).