

CUA Rules Review

2026 Points of Emphasis

1. Discipline

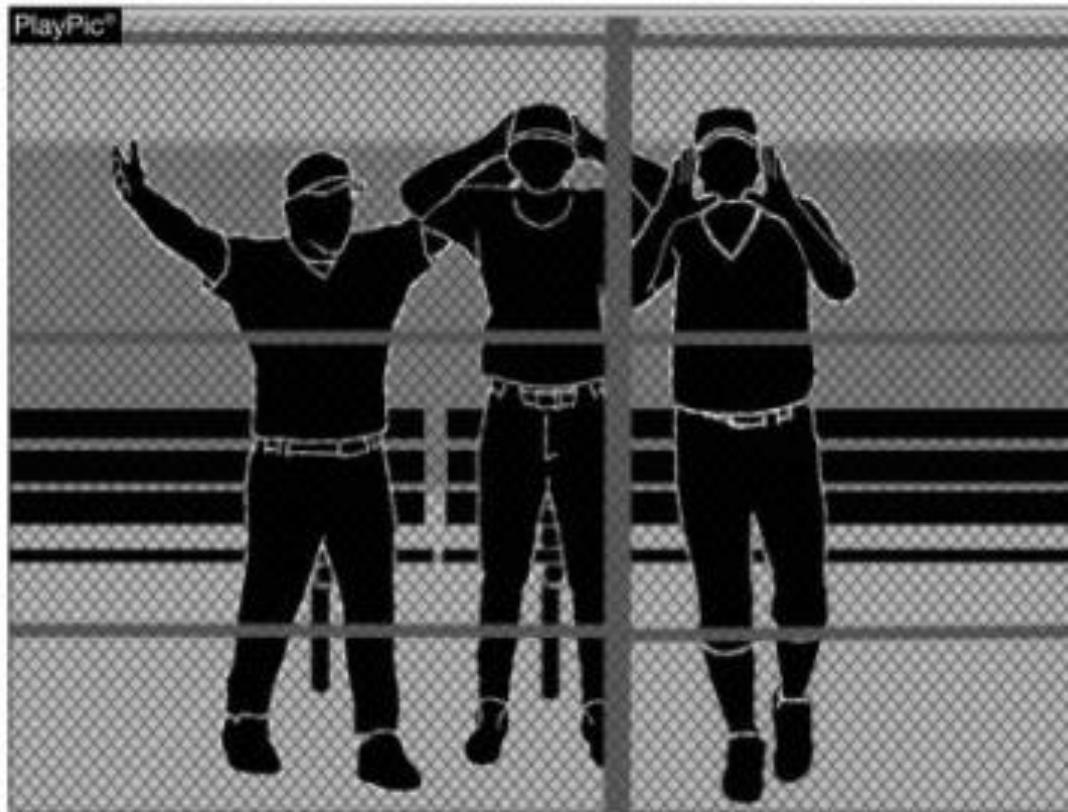


Any unsportsmanlike conduct, arguing or disrespect directed toward umpires will result in disciplinary action, which may include warnings, restriction to the bench or ejection from the game (3-3-1 to 3-3-4 and 10-2-3).



Respect for officials is a reflection of the maturity, leadership and character we hope to instill in all participants through educational athletics.

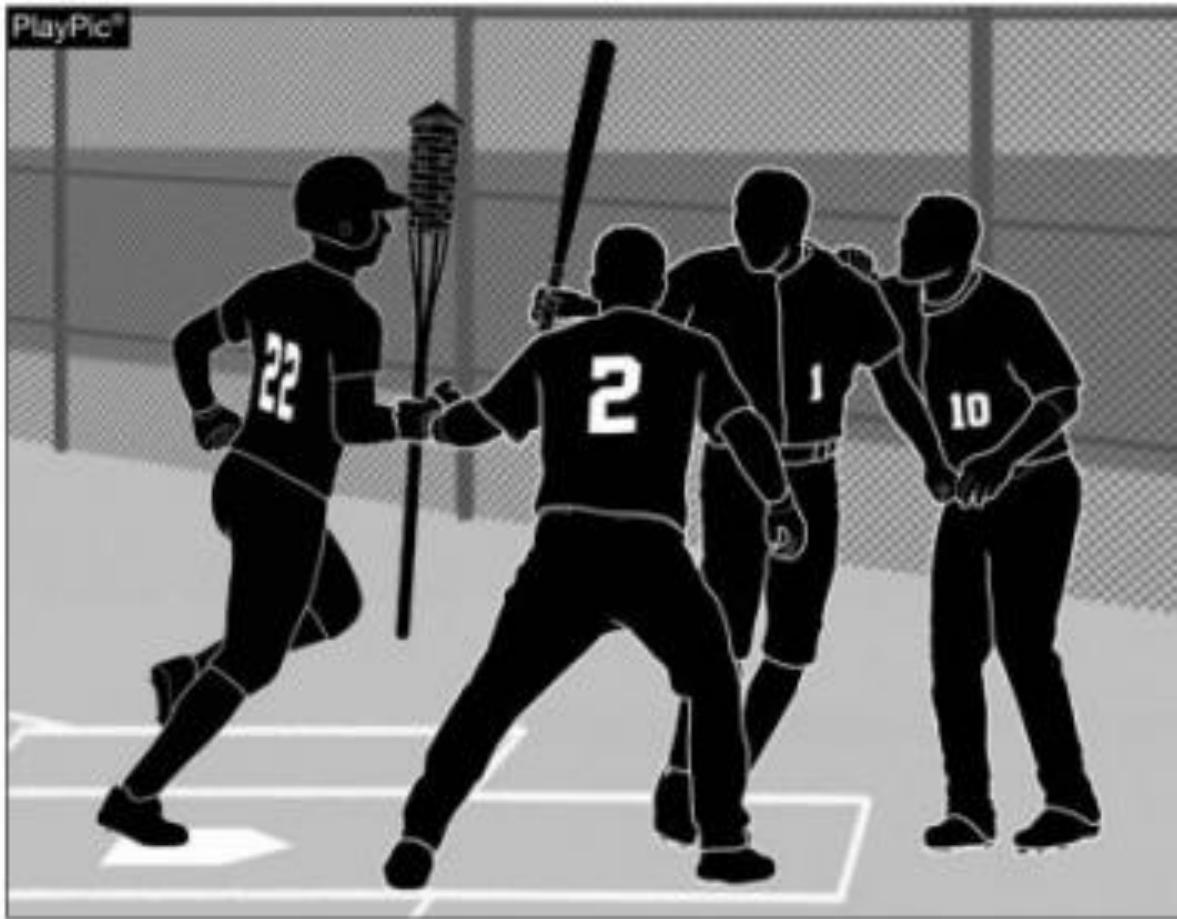
2. Sportsmanship



Bench jockeying – defined as negative verbal comments, taunting or attempts to distract, intimidate or embarrass opponents or officials from the dugout – violates the standards of conduct expected in interscholastic competition.

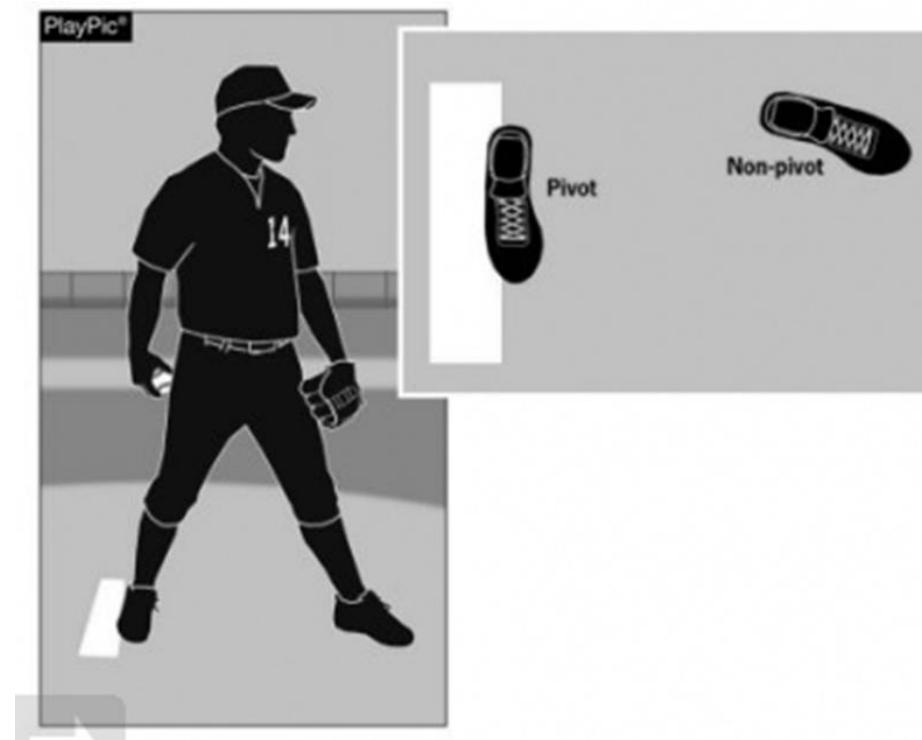
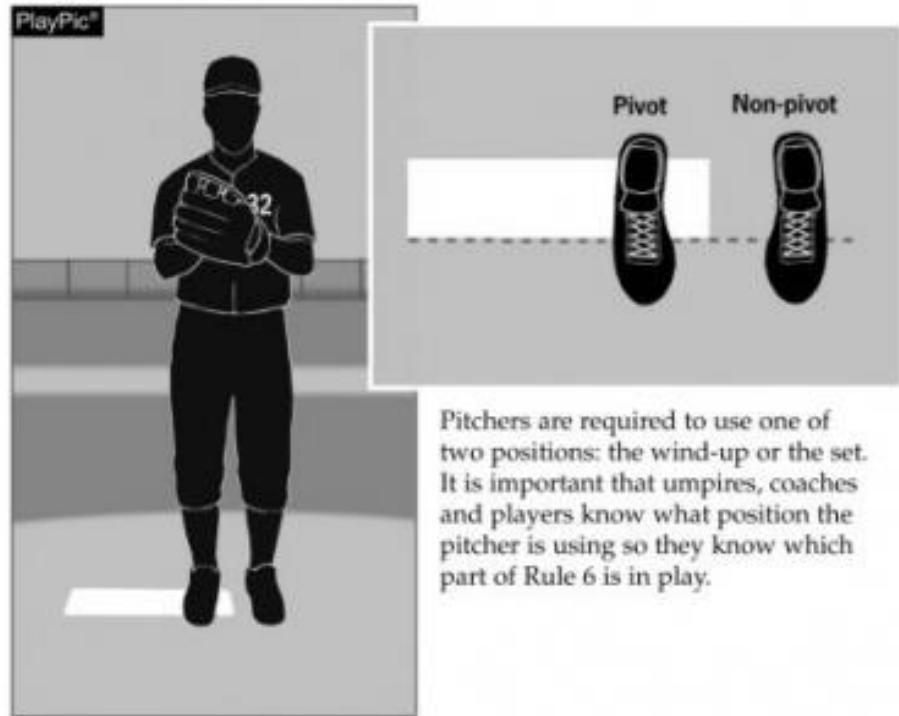


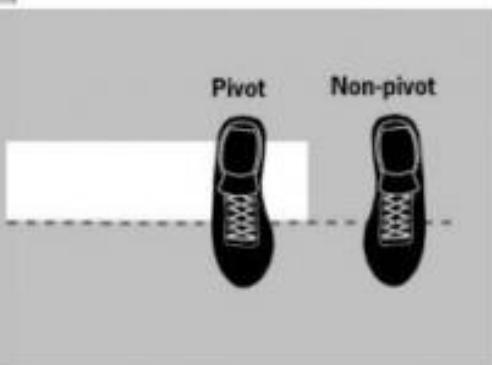
By rule, bench jockeying is prohibited and will result in warnings, restrictions or ejections as deemed appropriate by the umpire.



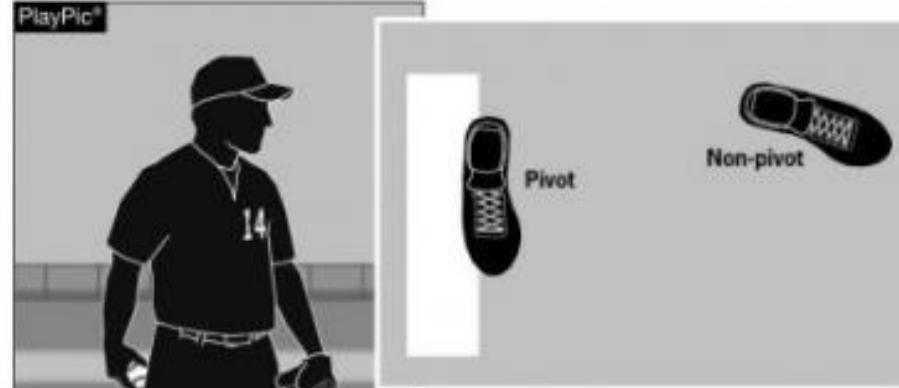
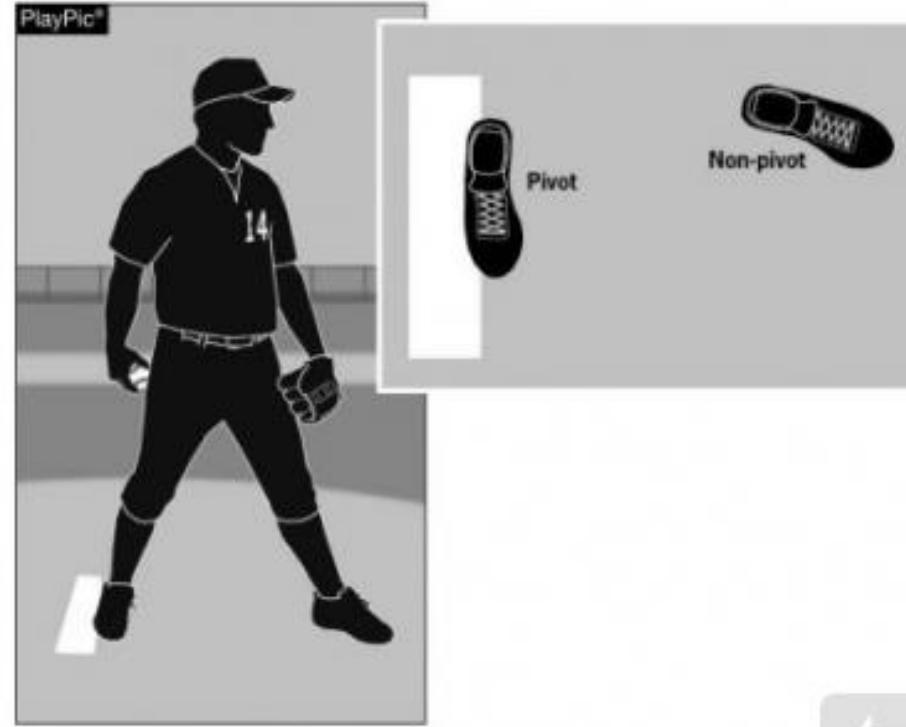
There is no logical purpose to have props at an education-based athletic event.

3. Proper Pitching Positions

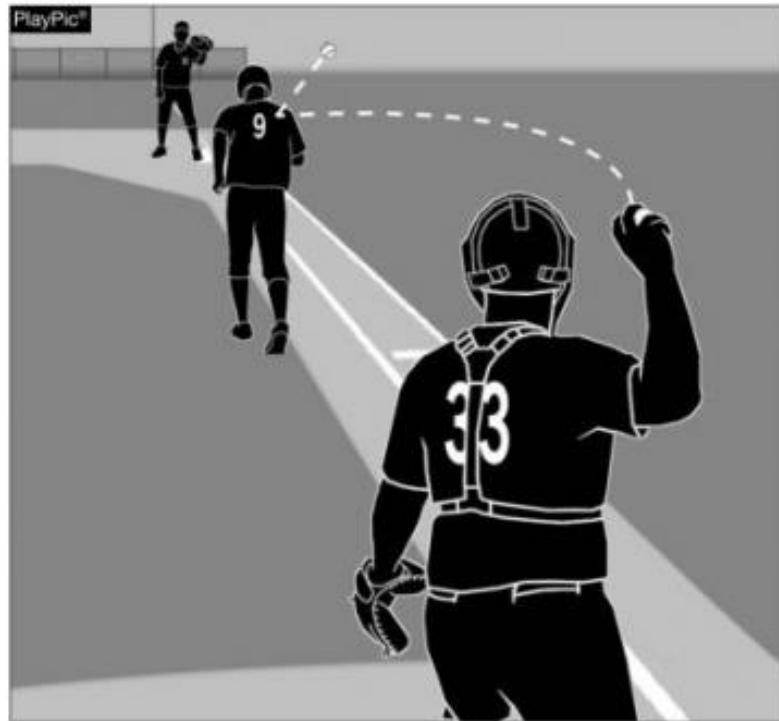




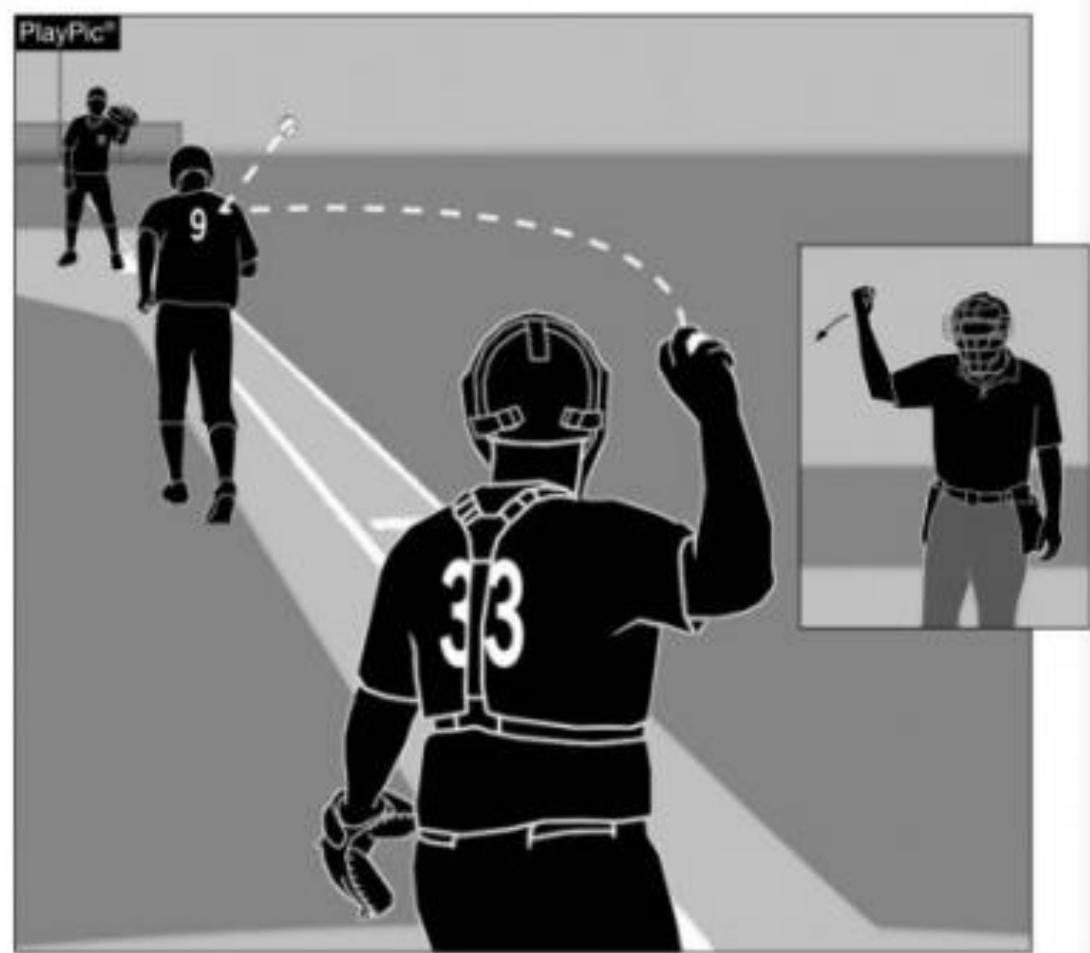
The position of the pivot foot determines which of the pitching positions is being used. In the wind-up position, the pitcher's pivot foot is in contact with the pitcher's plate and is not parallel to it. In the set position, the pivot foot is in contact with or directly in front of and parallel to the pitcher's plate.



4. Running Lane Awareness



1. Safety – The lane prevents collisions and protects both the runner and the fielder.
2. Fair Play – Staying in the lane avoids unfair interference with defensive plays.
3. Consistency – Regular enforcement promotes accountability and discourages rule violations.
4. Education – Teaching proper lane use reinforces respect for the rules of the game.



Violations result in interference, with the batter-runner out and runners returned to their previous base.