

Crew Conference “Getting it Right” Protocol

If a head coach wishes to have the crew get together to discuss a play the coach must:

- Request time and when granted come to the 45’ point on the nearest baseline. The coach will not come to the plate area or on to the field. If the coach starts in that direction redirect him to the 45’ point. If he does not go there, this is an immediate disqualification.
- The plate umpire will meet the coach and listen to the request for a rule interpretation, clarification or request to have the crew discuss the call.
- After the concern is understood, the coach **must** return to his position (coaches’ box or bench). Do not allow the coach to remain at the 45’ point on the baseline. If, after the crew confers, if the coach leaves his position to dispute the ruling, the coach is subject to disqualification.
- If the call stands, the umpire that made the initial call will make the appropriate signal. If the call is changed the crew will confer with head coach of the aggrieved team to explain the change and then the calling official will make the correct signal.
- A key principle of discussing a call is that a crew member cannot overrule the initial call. The umpire that made the call is responsible for the final decision on the call. The assisting umpire will only provide information to assist the requesting umpire to make a final decision.