

Subject: Huff-N-Puffers Umpires for PLAYOFFS: Sept 4 -- confirmed
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Good day, Gents --

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Confirmed, thank you.
I frankly can't recall whether I had confirmed to you (and informed the Gov Bd) -- have had a bit of an issue as U-I-C to address.

In addition to the boilerplate comments below, I need to share with you a question that has been raised about "complete games". Especially because at this moment the forecast for Thursday is sketchy.
As always, once the Service Department declares the fields "playable", two options under Rule 10.5:
-- "In extreme weather situations, the League President may cancel play." Then these games are pushed to 9/8.
-- "At game time or after a game starts, the Umpire(s) working the game will decide whether the game can continue." We rely upon your good judgement (over which, I need not remind you, *no one* has any say).

Should you need to call a game, under Rule 10.4:
-- "A complete game in Divisions I and II is a minimum of five (5) innings or four-and-a-half (4½) innings if the home team is ahead." If complete, ensure you are clear with the Managers and that they report the final score to Don Knight.
-- "Games in play that are called because of rain before they are a complete game shall be made up at a later date as a new game beginning at the first inning." Again, a clear statement to the Managers. As U-I-C, under 10.4, I will reschedule that game with the Managers to 9/8.

I cite this last because there has been some side talk about "suspending" a game and "completing it later". There is no provision for such in HnP Rules. Rule 10.4 governs.

Should there be any question, I will be playing on Field 3, but certainly hope not to hear from you.
You're the Umpire. Make your call.

- PLAYOFF PARTICULARS
- We conduct these playoff games under "tournament protocols". ie:
1. There are no Protests. Any objection to Rules Interpretation or Application will result in Time Out, Umpires (or U-I-C) pulls the Rules Book, decision is rendered, game continues.
(HnP Rules are in the white bag. USSoftball Rules are in white bag on top of AED in Equipment Room. Don't hesitate.)
 2. If a player is Ejected, he is entitled to his Hearing that same day, so he (and his Manager) know whether he is playing the next game.
To that end, all Governing Board and Rules Committee should NOT LEAVE the fields until they confirm with the U-I-C that their presence is NOT NEEDED.
 3. From our Playing Guide:
 - A. Mercy Rule is Regular Season -- does not apply in Playoffs.
 - B. Same Run Rule: 5 until last inning, then unlimited (including Extra Innings).
 - C. No runner starting on 2B.
 - D. No Player can sub from another team.

As always, the Umpires are in charge of the game. We should act like it.

Appreciate your support, Peter
Huff-N-Puffers Umpire-In-Chief

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www.huff-n-puffers.com/Rules-and-Regulations.html

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