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Training Bulletin

Pitching Positions

2014 NFHS Rule 6 – Pitching

(Selected items dealing with pitching stances)

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS (Article 1)

- The pitcher shall pitch while facing the batter from either a windup position (Art. 2) or a set position (Art 3).
- The position of his feet determines whether he will pitch from the windup or the set position.

WINDUP POSITION – FOOT PLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS (Article 2)

- The pitcher's non-pivot foot shall be in any position on or behind a line extending through the front edge of the pitcher's plate.
 - (Note: There is NO requirement that the non-pivot foot be parallel to the pivot foot or that it be within the confines of the pitcher plate)

SET POSITION – FOOT PLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS (Article 3)

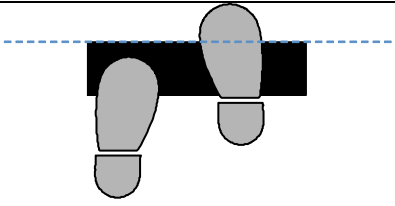
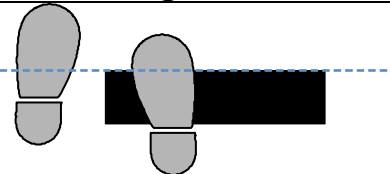
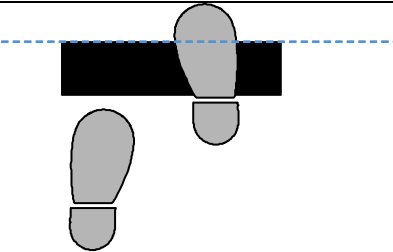
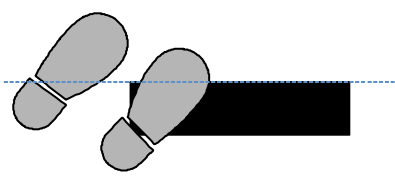
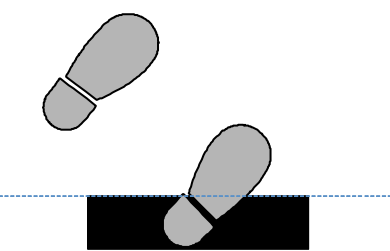
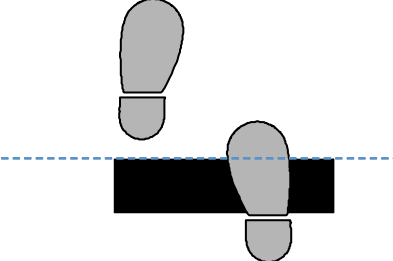
- Before starting his delivery, he shall stand with his entire non-pivot foot in front of a line extending through the front edge of the pitcher's plate and
 - (Note: There is NO requirement that the non-pivot foot be parallel to the pivot foot or that it be within the confines of the pitcher plate)
- With his entire pivot foot in contact with or directly in front of and parallel to the pitcher's plate.

PENALTY – Illegal Pitch

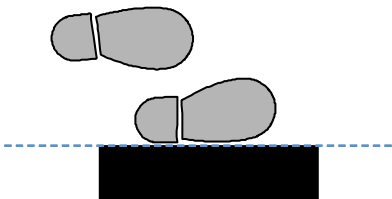
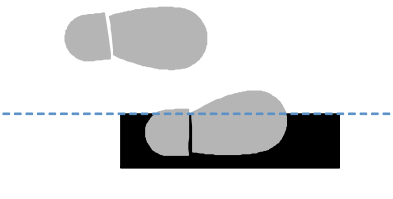
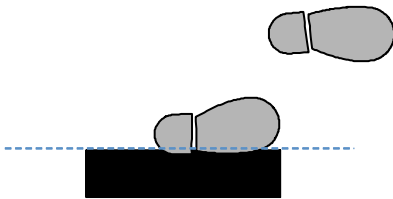
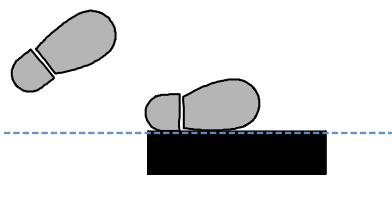
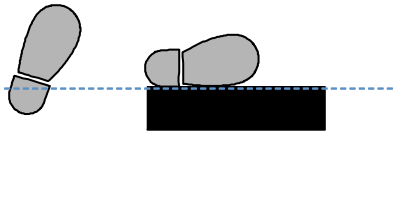
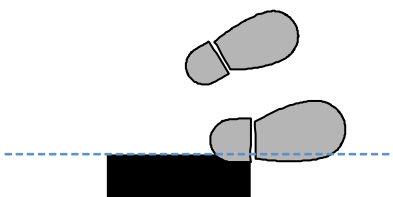
- The ball is dead immediately when an illegal pitch occurs.
- If there is no runner, a ball is awarded the batter.
- If there is a runner, such illegal act is a balk.

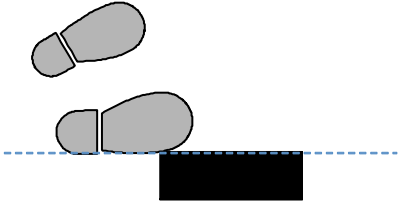
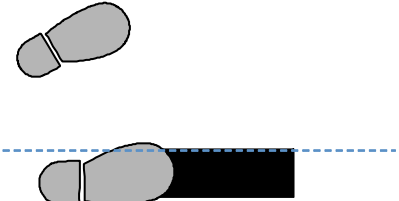
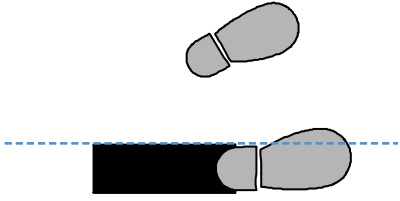
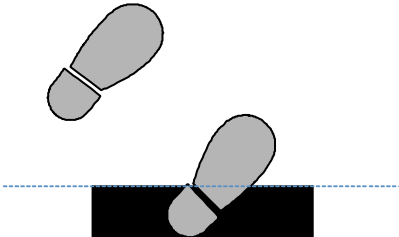
SEE ILLUSTRATIONS BELOW

LEGAL and ILLEGAL Pitching Stances for WINDUP POSITION

		
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<p style="text-align: center;">LEGAL</p> <p>The <u>entire</u> PIVOT foot is parallel and “immediately in front of” the pitcher’s plate. Although there is a small gap between the plate and the foot, this satisfies the requirement that the pivot foot be “immediately in front of” the plate</p> <p>The NON-PIVOT foot is entirely in front of the line extending through the front edge of the pitcher’s plate.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LEGAL</p> <p>The <u>entire</u> PIVOT foot is parallel and “in contact with” the pitcher’s plate.</p> <p>The NON-PIVOT foot is entirely in front of the line extending through the front edge of the pitcher’s plate.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LEGAL</p> <p>The <u>entire</u> PIVOT foot is parallel and “immediately in front of” the pitcher’s plate.</p> <p>The NON-PIVOT foot is entirely in front of the line extending through the front edge of the pitcher’s plate.</p>
		
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