



2018 and 2019 NCAA Softball Official Rules Interpretations, Clarifications and Situations

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<u>Rule</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Interpretation/Clarification/Situation</u>
6.5.3	4/30/19	<p>The offensive team:</p> <p>6.5.3 Must keep all personnel, except the base coaches, batter, base runner(s) and on-deck batter, in the dugout, bullpen or dead-ball area while the ball is live.</p> <p>EFFECT: The umpire shall warn the violator(s), and if the violator(s) does not immediately comply, the umpire should eject him or her. (Administrative ejection; see Rule 13.2.1)</p> <p>Interpretation: After receiving a warning for being out of the dugout, bullpen or dead-ball area on a live ball, the next violation of this rule by anyone of the warned team will result in the ejection of the head coach.</p>
9.5.3.7 and 9.5.3.8	4/30/19	<p>9.5.3.7 A fielder shall not at any time obstruct a runner rounding a base.</p> <p>9.5.3.8 A fielder shall not at any time obstruct a runner returning to or leading off a base.</p> <p>A warning for obstruction on rounding, returning or leading off a base will be issued when the defensive player is not making a play on this runner and is merely in a position that obstructs the runner. If the defensive player is making a play on the runner, she will be charged with obstruction, but not given a warning. Example: The runner at first base leads off and is returning to the base. The first baseman, in an attempt to get her out, obstructs the runner coming into first base. The defensive player is charged with obstruction, the runner is safe at first, but there is no warning for "rounding or returning obstruction" since a play was being made on the runner.</p>