

Subject: Huff-N-Puffers Umpires -- "View From Behind The Plate" Issue 33

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GovBd: FYI

Managers: this message was sent to all Umpires.

**For your information and
please share with all your Players.**

A notice will be posted at all benches tomorrow, 8/12/24.

I am happy to have any question?

INSIDE THE BATTER'S BOX

2024 USA Rule 7, Section 3, A reads:

Prior to the pitch, the batter must have both feet completely within the lines of the batter's box. The batter may touch the lines, but no part of the foot may be outside the lines prior to the pitch.

The majority of the Governing Board today issues a clarification -- effective immediately, the League will **no longer follow** that rule, but **instead:**

"A batter shall be considered inside the batter's box if the toes of both feet are touching or within the lines of the box."

To assist you in properly positioning batters, I attach a diagram.
So the feet can be **fully inside** the box, as in USA 7.3.A -- the *center* set.
Or **touching the line**, the four around the *outside*.

Good luck.

A copy of this notice is going to all Managers. And will be posted at all benches tomorrow morning.
Late game umpires: Please remove those papers after your game.

As always, I stand ready to answer your questions.

With respect and appreciation, Peter

Huff-N-Puffers Umpire-In-Chief

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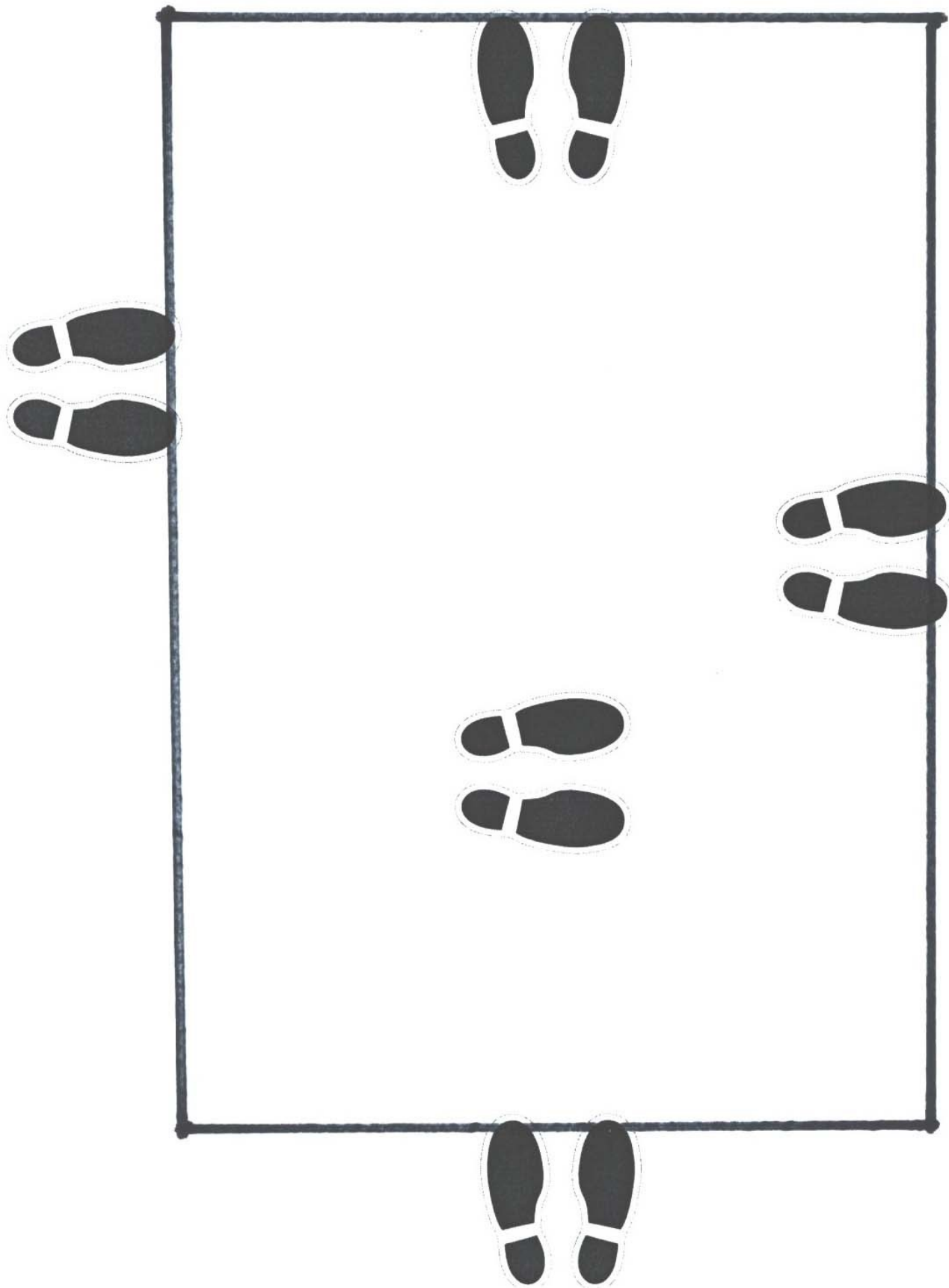
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Video of the 2024 Clinics, Schedules, Rules, Umpire Information, and the Umpire Guide are *always* at www.huff-n-puffers.com/Rules-and-Regulations.html

The USA Softball rulebook can be downloaded as a PDF from www.usasoftball.com/official-rulebook/ and the USA Umpire Manual at https://cdn1.sportngin.com/attachments/document/0144/3128/2023_Umpire_Manual.pdf

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