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Anti Collision Rule 9.21

Below is the wording of our Anti-Collision Rule 9.21

I have included a link to the PCBL website (Pacific Coast Baseball League) which will give you some insight into the rule and why we have it in our rules.

The PCBL information can be found by clicking on the following link.

<http://www.pcbbaseballleague.org/docos/current%20season/CollisionRuleNote.pdf>

Our Rule

9.21 Anti-Collision Rule

Any player, who does not slide or move in a direction away from the play, attempting to avoid a collision with a fielder or catcher in possession of the ball, shall be given out. A base runner, if attempting to slide, need not slide directly into the base but must slide away from the fielder attempting to make the play.

When there is a collision between a runner and a fielder who is clearly in possession of the ball, the umpire must judge:

- (a) Whether the collision was avoidable, and
- (b) Whether the runner was attempting to reach the plate/base or attempting to dislodge the ball.

If in the Umpires judgement:

(a) A runner could have avoided the collision; the runner shall be given out, even if the fielder loses possession of the ball. In such cases the ball will be dead and runners will return to the last base legally occupied at the time of the collision unless forced to advance.

- (b) The collision by the runner was flagrant; the runner shall be declared out and ejected from the game,
- (c) The collision was unavoidable, or if the runner executed a proper slide as described above, it will be considered a legal play.

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