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TO: 'C' League Managers
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SUBJECT: Some Notes on Equipment

This season 'C' League is allocated just four sets of ERC-provided equipment. Since some days we play four games, we have no spare equipment. The implications of this are twofold: (1) there's no available 'C' League equipment set to dedicate to Foothill teams; and (2) all of you have to be extremely diligent about returning the equipment on the morning after each of your games.

Jo Jean Kos has volunteered to be the fourth equipment monitor if needed. She's located at IPC. Teams can presumably pick up the equipment on their way to the Rose Bowl. If the IPC location is a major inconvenience for many teams, then we still need one more volunteer to step forward.

Since this year we're operating as one big happy league not arbitrarily subdivided into three or four separate groupings, there's no natural way to assign equipment monitors to groups of teams. Therefore, equipment assignment is by field rather than by team grouping. Whenever you're the home team, please go to the equipment monitor who has the equipment for your assigned field.

Each equipment set this year is packed in two duffel bags rather than one. The bases are in one bag, and the bats, balls, etc., are in the other. Neither bag is excessively heavy, as the single bag has been in the past. Please don't try to stuff the bases into the bats&balls bags, which are presently in good condition. Most of the bags for bases already have holes in them. If any of you can take the time to patch them up a little, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Each 'C' League equipment set this year contains one extra base. The extra base is included as an optional safety feature to lessen the likelihood of collisions at first base. The extra base should be laid down adjacent to the regular first base so as to increase the separation between the first baseman and the approaching batter-runner. In other words, the double-wide edge of the resulting rectangle should be perpendicular to the batter-runner's line of travel from home plate. Before each game, the two opposing managers should decide if they want to use the extra base and, if so, what specific ground rules should cover its use. Some reasonable options are:

Where to Put the Extra Base

- (a) Both bases are placed inside the first base foul line.
- or*
- (b) One base is placed inside the foul line, and one base is placed outside the foul line.

How to Use the Extra Base

- (a) Both bases are treated equally at all times (it's just one big base that happens to be rectangular and comes in two pieces).
- or*
- (b) The batter-runner approaching from home plate must always use the outside base. Everyone else (i.e., all fielders, and all runners after reaching first base) must always use the inside base.

It is recommended that you always use the double base for safety's sake, and that you simply treat both bases equally (purists may prefer the more complicated right-of-way rule). It doesn't seem to matter much whether the bases straddle the foul line or both lie inside the line. Please tell Ray or me which ground rules you think are most reasonable.