101. R1 is on third base and R2 is on second base with a) no outs, b) one out, or c) two outs. F2 fails to catch a third strike delivered by the pitcher.

**Ruling -**LIVE BALL; the batter-runner may advance to first base in all the above situations. R1 and R2 may advance at their own risk. The batter-runner will be called safe if she reaches first base before either: the ball is held by the fielder while touching the base, or she is tagged out with the ball

The batter becomes a batter-runner when she is charged with a third strike, unless first base is occupied with less than two outs. If the third strike is caught before the ball touches the ground, the batter is out an instant after becoming a batter runner (8.4.B, p 43)

102. R1 is on third base with no outs. B2 hits a pitched ball in the air to the outfield. The third base coach taps R1 on the leg when F8 catches the fair fly ball. R1 legally tags up and easily scores.

**Ruling -**DELAYED DEAD BALL and R1 is OUT when the violation occurs. B2 is also out on the caught fly ball. The runner is out **when anyone other than another runner PHYSICALLY ASSISTS**them while the ball is in play (8.18.Y, p 53; 10.2.D, p 47)

103. With the bases loaded in the bottom of the third inning, B3 walks to force in the tying run. As the cleanup hitter steps in the batter's box, the game is called by the plate umpire due to weather conditions.

**Ruling -**REGULATION TIE GAME, if the game can not be continued. If the game is called because of weather conditions and the Tournament Director feels that the possibility of resuming the game is not likely, it is a regulation game provided,the home team has scored an **equal or greater number of runs** in **two and a fraction turns at bat** than the visitors have scored in their three-inning turn (4.6.C.2, p 27)

104. R1 is caught in a rundown between home and third base. In an attempt to get back to third base, R1 is forced to run completely around F5 who is in the base path without the ball. R1 is tagged out at third base by F6.

**Ruling -**DELAYED DEAD BALL is signaled and OBSTRUCTION is called at the time of the violation, followed by a DEAD BALL when R1 is put out. R1 is not called out; she is awarded third base. An obstructed runner **may not be called out between the two bases where the runner was obstructed** (unless an exception applies). When an obstructed runner is put out prior to reaching the base they would have reached had there been no obstruction, the umpire shall award her the base(s) (8.13.D, p 46)

105. A substitute enters the game to run, bat or play defense. The substitute is not listed on the lineup card submitted at the pregame conference, but the coach informs the plate umpire and she is added when she enters the game. The opposing coach complains to the umpire that the player is ineligible since she was omitted from the original lineup card.

**Ruling -**LEGAL; eligible roster members may be added as substitutes **AT ANY TIME** (5.1.C, p 29)