



"Be The Referee" is a series of one-minute messages designed to help educate people on the rules of different sports, to help them better understand the art of officiating, and to recruit officials. "Be The Referee" features MHSAA Assistant Director Mark Uyl's insights on officiating.

YMTC – Home Run Or Not?

Today let's play You Make The Call with this following baseball or softball situation:

With no runners on base, the batter hits a long fly ball directly down the left field line. The left fielder comes over and attempts to catch the ball directly in front of the outfield fence and the left field foul pole. The ball touches the fielder's glove in fair territory and then hits off the glove and goes over the outfield fence, but on the foul side of the foul pole.

You Make The Call.

In this case, when the ball was touched in fair territory, it was a fair ball. But when the ball went over the fence in foul territory, it became a ground rule double.

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