

The Jim Evans European Classic (Prague) 2010

monday night from 7pm (this will last up to 3 hours so everyone must eat beforehand)

1. Jim's introduction of the staff
2. Basic umpiring philosophies
3. Use of equipment, uniforms
4. Mechanics and signals
5. Use of indicator, displaying the count, removing the mask
6. Plate stance and adjusting your stance
7. Demonstrating two stances (standing set, hands on knees set)

Tuesday to Saturday

Sarge (Dick Nelson) – covers the Jim Evans maximising the 2 umpire-system and positioning from 8am to 10am

Jim Evans – 10.15am-12.00pm – classroom

Tuesday to Saturday – Jim will cover all the relevant rules of the game from the official baseball rules in depth, giving interpretations and explanations, illustrated with examples.

Lunch 12pm to 1pm

Fieldwork 1pm to 5pm (if we are in the gym we must be out by 5pm though if we are on the baseball field we can continue longer if required)

***The program below is for guidance only;
It is liable to change if deemed necessary!***

Tuesday

Section 4 - no runners on base (diagrams 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6)

- Positioning, diagram (diagram 4.2)
- Fly balls and line drives hit to the outfield (responsibilities)
- “pause-read-and react” techniques, determining when to go out (diagram 4.3)
- Fly balls and line drives hit to the outfield (base umpire goes out)
- Fly balls and line drives hit to the outfield (base umpire does not go out),
- Base hits to the outfield
- Rundowns
- Fly balls and line drives hit to the infield, (diagram 4.5)
- Ground balls hit to the infield (jim’s demonstration on the field,
- Angle / distance
- Swipe tags at 1st base (jim’s demonstration on the field)
- Foul pop-up coverage (over near the dug-out / stands) (diagram 4.6)

Section 5 - runner on 1st base only

- Positioning, working area,
- Fly balls and line drives hit to the outfield (responsibilities) not a trouble ball,
- Trouble balls,
- Fly balls and line drives hit to the outfield (coverage and mechanics), not a trouble ball
- Trouble balls, (balls hit down either foul lines)
- Base hits to the outfield; first to third responsibilities
- Fly balls and line drives hit to the infield

Tuesday demos

1. Positioning
2. Pause-read-react with a “read step”
3. “trouble ball to the right side, base umpire goes out
4. (terminology for plate and base umpires)
5. Plate umpire clears the catcher to the left and is responsible for the b/r at all bases (handing the runner off to the bu)
6. Base hits to the outfield, (base umpire does not go out (demonstrate pivots)
7. Plate umpire clears the catcher to the left and goes out in the direction the ball has been hit
8. b/r gets into a run-down between 1st and 2nd (base and plate umpires responsibilities)
9. Fly balls and line drives hit down the left field foul line
10. Demonstrate clearing the catcher on a foul pop-up behind the plate (opens his gate, also on a passed ball or wild pitch with runners on base
11. Foul pop-ups over near the dug-out or the stands
12. Pop-up in the vicinity of 1st base
13. Positioning with a runner on 1st base, (working area)

Tuesday drills

1. Positioning with no runners on base
2. Pause-read-react, base umpire goes out (terminology and establishing angle / distance, plate umpire takes responsibility for the b/r and then hands b/r off to the bu

3. soft toss, pivoting
4. Rundown between 1st and 2nd base on the b/r
5. Clearing the catcher on foul pop-ups
6. Pop-ups in foul territory (over near the dug-out/stands)
7. Pop-ups in the vicinity of 1st base
8. Positioning with a runner on 1st base only

Wednesday

Section 6 - Runner on 2nd base only

- Ground balls hit to the infield, double play (foot work)
- Steals at 2nd base, (foot work)
- Pick-off at 1st base, (foot work) which develops
- Into a rundown with the plate umpire helping out with the rundown

Section 7 - Runner on 3rd base only

Positioning

- Fly balls and line drives hit to the outfield, responsibilities
- (trouble balls), not a trouble ball
- Fly balls and line drives hit to the outfield (coverage and
- Mechanics (trouble balls (not a trouble ball)
- Fly balls or line drives hit down either foul line
- Base hits to the outfield (check r-2 over shoulder)
- Fly balls and line drives to the infield
- Ground balls hit to the infield
- Steals of 3rd base
- Pick-offs at 2nd base and rundown
- Time plays

Section 8 - Runner on 1st & 2nd base

- Positioning,
- Fly balls and line drives hit to the outfield (responsibilities)
- Trouble balls not a trouble ball
- Fly balls and line drives hit to the outfield (coverage and
- Mechanics) trouble balls not a trouble ball
- Fly ball hit to the outfield r-3 tagging up,
- Fly ball hit down either foul line with a runner on 3rd base,
- Base hits to the outfield
- Fly balls and line drives to the infield
- Ground balls hit to the infield
- Pick-offs at 3rd base and rundown

Wednesday demos

1. Double plays with r-1
2. Steals at 2nd base by r-1
3. Pick-offs at 1st base
4. Positioning with r-2, fly ball tag-ups, trouble balls
5. R-2, with trouble balls down both foul lines, (terminology)
6. Base hits to the outfield (r-2)
7. Ground balls hit to the infield (r-2)
8. Steal of 3rd base by r-2
9. Pick-offs at 2nd base
10. Time play

Wednesday drills

1. Double plays with r-1
2. Steals at 2nd base by r-1
3. Pick-offs at 1st base (r-1)
4. Fly ball tag-ups by r-2 and trouble balls
5. Base hits to the outfield (r-2)
6. Ground balls to the infield (r-2)
7. Steals of 3rd base by r-2
8. Pick-offs at 2nd base (r-2)
9. Time play
10. Pivots
11. Pause-read-react
12. Clearing the catcher (foul pop-ups)

Thursday

Section 9 - runners on 1st and 3rd base

Positioning,

- fly balls and line drives hit to the outfield (responsibilities trouble balls, not a trouble ball,
- fly balls and line drives hit to the outfield (coverage and mechanics) trouble balls, not a trouble balls
- fly balls and line drives hit down either foul line,
- base hits to the outfield,
- fly balls and line drives to the infield
- ground balls hit to the infield,
- steal with runners on 1st and 3rd
- pick-offs and rundowns,

Section 10 - runners on 2nd and 3rd base

- Positioning,
- Fly balls and line drives hit to the outfield (responsibilities)
- Trouble balls, not a trouble ball
- Fly balls and line drives hit to the outfield (coverage and mechanics) trouble balls, not a trouble ball,
- Fly balls and line drives hit down either foul line,
- base hits to the outfield,
- fly balls and line drives to the infield
- ground balls hit to the infield
- pick-offs and rundowns
- time play

Thursday demos

1. R-1 and r-2 tagging up and advancing
2. Trouble ball down the right field foul line
3. Trouble ball down the left field foul line
4. Infield fly
5. Ground balls hit to the infield, double play (lateral drift)
6. Steal of 3rd base by r-2 (imaginary 45ft line)
7. Pick-off at 2nd base on r-2 (resulting in a rundown)
8. Time play (two outs and a base hit with r-2 attempting to
9. Score and the b/r is thrown out at 2nd base for the 3rd out

Thursday drills

1. R-1 and r-2 tagging up
2. Trouble ball hit down the right field foul line
3. Trouble ball hit down the left field foul line
4. Infield fly
5. R-1 and r-2 double play (foot work)
6. Steal of 3rd base by r-2
7. Pick-off at 2nd base on r-2
8. Time play
9. Pause-read-react and pivots
10. Balk drill

Friday

Section 11- Bases loaded

- Positioning,
- 9.1 Fly balls and line drives hit to the outfield (responsibilities)
Trouble balls, not a trouble ball,
Fly balls and line drives hit down either foul line,
- 9.2 Fly balls and line drives hit to the outfield (coverage and mechanics) trouble balls,
9.1, 9.4 and 9.5, not a trouble ball
Fly balls and line drives hit down either foul line,
- 9.3 Base hits to the outfield,
- 9.4 Fly balls and line drives to the infield
- 9.5 Infield fly situations
- 9.6 Ground balls hit to the infield,
- 9.7 Pick-offs and rundowns,
- 9.8 Time play,

Friday demos

1. Positioning
2. Fly balls and line drives hit to the outfield (trouble balls) fly balls and line drives hit to the outfield (no trouble ball)
3. Base hit to the outfield (1st to 3rd)
4. Ground balls hit to the infield (possible double play)
5. Steal of 2nd base by r-1
6. Pick-offs at 1st base on r-1 (rundown)
7. Pick-offs at 3rd base on r-3 (rundown) positioning
8. Fly balls and line drives hit to the outfield (trouble balls)
9. Fly balls and line drives hit down either foul line
10. Fly balls and line drives hit to the outfield (not trouble ball)
11. Base hits to the outfield
12. Ground balls hit to the infield
13. Pick-offs at 2nd base on r-2 (rundown)
14. Pick-offs at 3rd base on r-3
15. Time play

Friday drills

1. Positioning
2. Fly balls and line drives hit to the outfield (trouble balls)
3. Fly balls and line drives hit to the outfield (no trouble ball)
4. Base hits to the outfield (1st to 3rd)
5. Ground balls hit to the infield (possible double play)
6. Steal of 2nd base by r-1
7. Pick-off at 1st base on r-1 (rundown)
8. Pick-off at 3rd base on r-3 (rundown)
9. Pause-read-react, pivots
10. Balk drill
11. Positioning

12. Fly balls and line drives hit to the outfield (trouble balls)
13. Fly balls and line drives hit down either foul line
14. Fly balls and line drives hit to the outfield (no trouble ball)
15. Base hits to the outfield
16. Ground balls hit to the infield
17. Pick-offs at 2nd base on r-2
18. Pick-offs at 3rd base on r-3
19. Time play
20. Pause-read-react, pivots
21. Balk drill

Saturday

Lecture on theories by Jim Evans including dealing with Argument situations

Saturday demos

1. Positioning
2. Fly balls and line drives hit to the outfield (trouble balls)
3. Fly balls and line drives hit to the outfield (no trouble ball)
4. Fly balls and line drives hit down either foul line
5. Base hits to the outfield
6. Infield fly situations
7. Ground balls hit to the infield
8. Pick-offs at 1st base, 2nd base and 3rd base (rundowns)
9. Time play
10. Argument Situations
11. Anything goes

Saturday drills

1. Positioning
2. Fly balls and line drives hit to the outfield (trouble balls)
3. Fly balls and line drives hit to the outfield (no trouble ball)
4. Fly balls and line drives hit down either foul line
5. Ground balls hit to the infield
6. Pick-offs at all bases
7. Argument Situations
8. Anything goes

Banquet at approx 7pm