**Rule 4**

**Discussion Questions**

**Starting & Ending the Game**

1. The umpire(s) shall decide whether the grounds and other conditions are suitable for starting the game?
2. Substituion rules are in effect after the umpire-in-chief accepts the lineup cards from both coaches during the pre-game plate conference.
3. Play has gone beyond five full innings and is called because of weather conditions and the teams have not had an equal number of completed turns at bat. What’s your call?
4. At game time, a decision must be made on the fitness of the grounds for starting the game. Who makes the official decision?
5. 5. There shall be no balls hit or thrown in live ball territory during the pre-game conference?
6. Ground Rules shall not supersede a rules book rule?
7. Any adult or assistant coach or captain may represent their team at the pre-game conference?
8. A state association may adopt game-ending procedures that determine how games are ended, including suspended games.
9. The game ends if one team cannot provide 8 players?
10. Media are prohibited from being in live-ball area unless marked?