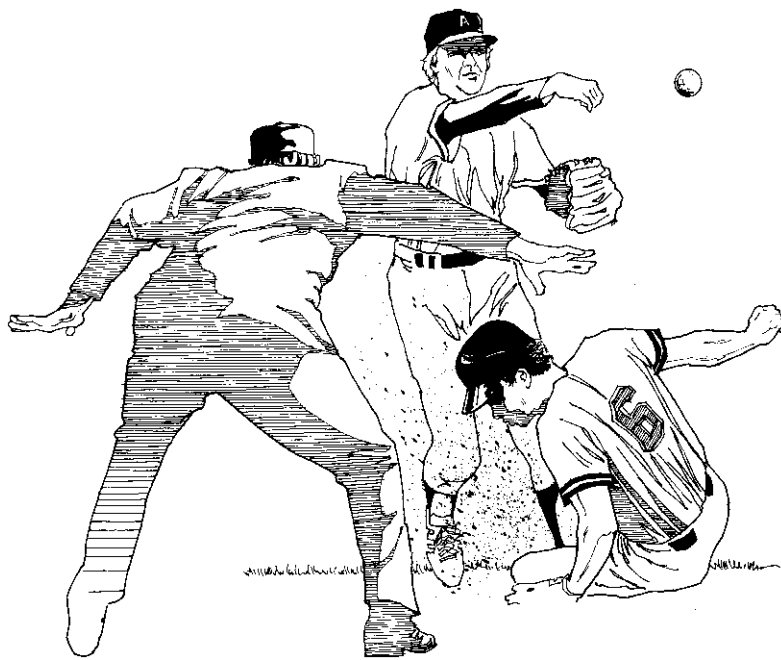


# Baseball Rules Index



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Pitched or thrown ball deflected	7.05(h)
Players or coaches interfere	7.11, 5.08, 3.15
Spectators interfere	3.15, 3.16
Touches batter	6.05(g), 10.10(a)(3)

#### DELAY OF GAME

Batters delays going into batters box	6.02(c)
Ejected players not to delay	5.10(h)
Forfeit for delays	4.15
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Game pitcher switched to other position	6.10(b), 3.03
Locked into batting order	6.10, 4.01, 4.04
May bat for the game pitcher	6.10(b)
May be selected prior to game	6.10, 4.01, 4.04
May be used defensively (D/H FINISHED)	6.10
Must bat AT LEAST ONE COMPLETE TURN	6.10, 6.04
Must be selected PRIOR to game	6.10, 4.01, 3.03
Not mandatory	6.10
Not to be used as pinch runner	3.04

Pinch hitter may be used for D/H	6.10, 3.03, 3.08
Pinch hitter enters game to pitch	6.10, 3.03, 3.08, 4.04
Pitcher removed from game (no effect)	6.10
Pitcher changed to other position	
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DEFENSE Designated hitter role finished	
pitcher takes place of D/H	
2. NEW PITCHER	
Pitcher assumes replaced fielder &	
New pitcher takes D/H spot	
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First game - first scheduled	4.13(a)
Not to exceed 30 minutes between games	4.13(c)
Twenty minutes between games	4.13(c)
Reschedd game	4.13(f)
Shall start second game	4.13(d)
Umpires to be on field five minutes prior	
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To be removed from field between innings	4.17

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Ball remains in play	7.05(b,c,d,e)
Fielder throws glove at ball	7.05
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Interfered with after error	7.08(b)
Runner must still avoid fielder	7.08(b)
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handled with ordinary effort	10.13
slow or poor handling of ball not	10.13
mental mistakes not error	10.13(3)
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fielder fails to make out	10.13(b)
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touches batter	6.05(g), 10.10(a)(3)
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caught	6.05(a)
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Not caught & runner on third	10.14(e)
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Caught	2.00, 6.05(b)
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lodges in catchers gear	5.09(g)
rebounds off umpire	5.09(g)
must first touch hand (glove)	
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Injured	5.10(c,h)
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Batter swings	6.08(b-1), 2.00 (strike), 6.05(f)
Hit batter	6.08(b), 2.00, 5.09(a), 10.16(a)
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Uses	
Hits ball Not grounds to declare out	6.06(d), 1.10(d)

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Definition	2.00
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Runner touched by infield fly on the base	7.08(f), 7.08(b), 10.10(b-2)
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INNING	
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End of constitutes	4.10, 4.11
Less than nine innings	4.11, 4.10(c), 10.03(e)
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Appeal to be made before leaving field (infield and pitcher)	7.10
INTENTIONAL	
Batter intentionally interferes with fielder	7.09(h)
Coach/player interferes with thrown ball	5.08, 3.15, 7.11
batted ball	7.11, 5.08, 3.15
Intentionally dropped fly ball	6.05(L), 6.05(e), 10.14(b-1)
Runner interferes with thrown ball	7.08(b), 6.05(m), 7.09(L), 10.10(b-7)
batted ball	7.09(g)
Runner interferes to break up double	7.09(g), 6.05(m), 7.09(f), 10.10(6)
Runner impedes following play	6.05(m), 7.09(f), 10.10(b-7)
Spectator/authorised person interferes	3.16, 3.15

## INTERFERENCE

### DEFINITION

### FOUR TYPES OF INTERFERENCE

#### OFFENSIVE

#### DEFENSIVE

#### UMPIRES

#### SPECTATORS

### OFFENSIVE INTERFERENCE

#### BATTER (BATTER RUNNER)

#### RUNNER

#### COACH

#### PLAYERS

#### BATTER

##### Definition

Breaks up double play

Collides or fails to avoid fielder

Deflects foul ball

Entitled to batters box until

Hinders fielder making play at home plate

Hits ball twice with bat

Hit by fair batted ball

IMPEDES FOLLOWING play after being put out

Interferes with catchers throw

Interferes with catcher AFTER strike 3

Interferes with play at home plate

Runs outside three feet lane to first

Vacate space for fielder

#### RUNNER

##### Definition

After being put out impedes following play

Breaks up double play intentionally

Deflects foul ball

Fails to avoid fielder

#### HINDERS fielder-

attempting to make play on batted ball

Hit by pitch when attempting to score

Interferes with fielder attempting to

field batted or thrown ball

Interferes with thrown ball

Touched by fair batted ball

Touched by thrown ball (alive)

Touched by infield fly on base

#### COACH

##### Definition

Assists runner

Fails to vacate space for fielder

Hinders play at base

Touched by thrown ball

Touched after passing fielder

#### PLAYERS

2.00

7.09(h), 10.10(b-6)

7.09(L), 6.05(k), 10.10(b-6)

6.05(i), 7.09(c)

7.11, 6.02, 6.06(c), 7.08(g), 7.09(d)

7.08(g), 10.10(a)(4)

6.05(h), 7.09(b), 10.10(a-3)

6.05(g), 7.09(m), 10.10(a-3)

7.09(f), 6.05(b), 6.06(c), 7.09(a)

6.06(c), 7.09(f), 10.10(a-4)

7.09(a), 7.09(f), 10.10(a-4)

7.09(d)

6.05(k), 7.09(k), 10.10(b-3)

7.11, 7.08(g), 7.09(d)

2.00

6.05(m), 7.09(f), 10.10(b-7)

7.09(g), 10.10(6)

6.05(i), 7.09(c)

7.09(L), 10.10(b)(6-7)

7.08(b), 10.10(b)(6-7)

6.05(n), 5.09(h)

6.05(k,m), 7.09(f,g,k,l), 10.10(b-6ii)

7.08(b), 7.09(L), 10.10(b-6)

5.09(f), 6.08(d), 6.09(c), 7.04(b)

7.08(f), 7.09(m), 10.10(b-2), 10.05(e)

5.08

7.08(f), 10.10(b-2), 10.05(e)

2.00

7.09(j)

7.11, 3.15, 5.08

7.09(e,j), 3.15, 10.10(b-6)

5.08, 3.15

5.08, 3.15



Players gather around base to hinder	7.09(e)
To vacate space needed for fielder	7.11, 3.15
To include dugout or bench	7.11, 3.15
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<b>CATCHER</b>	
<b>FIELDER</b>	
<b>CATCHER</b>	
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Interferes with batter before pitch	6.08(c), 7.07, 7.04(d), 7.06
Interferes with batter and runner on 3 <sup>rd</sup> attempting to score on squeeze or steal	7.07, 6.08(c), (balk scoring 10.13f)
Runner attempting to steal	7.04(d), 10.13(f)
Other runners not attempting to steal	7.04(d)
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Fielder reaches over fence	3.16
Spectator reaches out over fence	3.16
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Definition	2.00
Ball dead when touched by fair ball	5.09(f), 6.08(d), 7.09(m), 7.04(b), 10.05(e)
Ball alive when touched by fair ball	6.09(c), 7.09(m), 6.05(j)
Hit after touched by fielder	6.08(d), 6.09(c), 7.09(m)
Hit after passing fielder	6.09(c), 7.09(m)
Interferes with catchers throw	5.09(b), 2.00
Catcher tosses ball to umpire by mistake	5.08
Touched by pitched or thrown ball	5.08, 5.09(g)
Runner collides with umpire	2.00
<b>LIGHT FAILURE</b>	
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GAMEhome team in front reg game	4.12(b), 5.10, 4.10(c), 4.11, 4.11(d)
in reverse order same	
Light failure scores tied	4.12(a-3), 4.12(b), 4.10(d), 4.11(d)
Lights go out during play	5.10(a)
Umpire to call time	5.10(b)
<b>LIVE BALL</b>	
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Appeal play	7.10 (notes)
Ball comes apart	5.02, 3.01(e-2)
Coach hit by thrown ball	3.15, 5.08
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Fielder steps into bench	7.04(c), 5.10(f)
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Thrown ball touches umpire or coach	5.08
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Umpire hit by pitched ball	5.08, 5.09(g)
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Missed base MAY affect score	4.09(a), 7.10(b,d), 7.02, 7.12, 10.07(d)
MUST touch even if entitle to advance	7.04(d), 6.08(a,b,c), 7.05 (notes), 8.05, 7.02, 10.07(d)
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Contact need not occur	
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Batter attempts to- run to second and is tagged	7.08(j), 7.08(a), 7.08(c), 7.10(c), 10.08(h-2)
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Runner not out if returns immediately	7.10(c)
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Becomes pitcher	6.10(b)
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Requests new ball	3.01(e)
Save – accredited	10.20
Set position	8.01(b)
STARTING pitcher to pitch to first batter	3.05(a), 6.04, 4.01(a)
SUBSTITUTE pitcher to pitch to one batter	3.05(b), 6.04, 4.01(a), 3.03, 8.03
Throwing at batter	8.02(d)
Throws to base	8.01(b,c,d), 7.05(g,h), 8.05(a,c)
Throws to unoccupied base	8.05(d), 8.02(c)
Toe plate	1.11(g)
Umpire hit by pitched ball	5.09(g), 5.08, 7.05(i), 6.05(b)
Visits to mound	8.06, 5.10(d)
Warm up pitches	8.03
Wild pitches/throws/pickoffs	7.05(h,i)
Wind up position	8.01(a)
Winning pitcher	10.19
PLAYERS POSITIONS	
	4.03
Pitcher assumes	3.08(1)
Batter assumes	3.08(2)
Fielder assumes and play starts	3.08(3)
Runner assumes	3.08(4)
PLAYING FIELD	
1.04 diag. 1	
POSTPONEMENT RESPONSIBILITY	
First game (Manager)	3.10(a)

until batting orders tendered	4.01(c), (d)
Game in progress	3.10(c)
Protested games	4.19
Second game of double header	3.10(b)
Light failure	5.10(b), 4.12(a-3), 4.12(b)
<b>QUICK PITCH (SEE UNDER PITCHER)</b>	2.00, 8.01(d), 8.05(e), (f)
<b>REGULATION GAME</b>	
Consists of	4.10, 10.03(e-1)
Five innings	4.10(c)
Game ends when time called	4.10
UNLESS score tied or lead taken	4.11(d)
Home team in front when game stopped	4.11, 4.10(c-d-e)
Innings in progress	4.11(d), 4.12(a-5), 10.03(e)
Nine innings unless	4.10(a)
No game unless	4.10(e)
Score of	4.11, 10.03(e)
Suspended games	4.12
Tie game	4.10(d), 10.03(e-1), 4.11
Umpire calls time	4.10(a-2), 4.11(a)
<b>RESUME PLAY AFTER DEAD BALL</b>	
Umpire calls "PLAY"	5.11, 5.02, 3.12
Umpire calls time	5.10
Umpire declares ball "dead"	5.09
Ball comes apart during play	5.02
<b>RESIN BAG</b>	
wet weather	8.02(a)
<b>RUNNER</b>	
<b>DEFINITION</b>	2.00
<b>BASE</b>	2.00
<b>FORCE</b>	2.00, 7.08(e), 10.04(b-c)
<b>TAG</b>	2.00
<b>TO TOUCH EACH BASE IN ORDER</b>	7.02
<b>ENTITLED TO BASE</b>	7.01
<b>TWO RUNNERS NOT TO OCCUPY BASE</b>	7.03
Abandons baseline	7.08(a), 6.09(b), 4.09(b), 10.10(b-3)
Advances when	7.04, 7.05, 8.05, 7.06
Affects of PRECEDING RUNNERS	4.09, 7.10 (notes), 7.12, 5.06
AFTER put out impedes following play	7.09(f), 6.05(m), 6.05(b), 10.10(b)
Assumes position	3.08(c)
Avoids tag	7.08(a), 10.10(b-3)
Balk	7.04(a), 8.05, 5.09(c)
Ball lodges in catcher/umpire gear	5.09(g), 7.05(i)
Ball four (4)	7.04(b), 6.08(a)-(b), 7.05(h,i)
Base dislodges	7.08(c)
Baseline	7.08(a), 6.09(b), 4.09(b), 2.00, 10.10(b-3)
<b>BATTER INTERFERES</b>	
play at home plate	7.08(g)
hinders fielder at home plate	7.09(d)

with catcher	6.06(c), 10.10(a)(4)
breaks up double play	7.09(h)
BATS OUT OF TURN	6.07
appeal made - outs do not stand	6.07(b), 10.10(a-5), 10.03(d)
No appeal made - outs to stand	
Breaks up double play	7.09(h), 10.10(6)
Catcher interferes with batter	6.08(c), 7.04(d) notes, 7.07
stealing on interference	7.04 notes
not stealing on interference	7.04 notes
Catcher interferes in steal or squeeze	7.07, 7.04(d)
Balk scoring only	10.13(f) error
COACH	
Draws throw	7.09(j)
Interferes	3.15, 5.08, 7.09(e,j), 7.11
Physically assists runner	7.09(i)
Fails to vacate space	7.11, 5.08, 3.15
To notify substitution	3.04, 3.08, 5.10(c), 3.06
Collides with fielder	7.09(L), 10.10(b-6)
Collides with umpire	4.06
Entitled to base	7.01, 5.10(c), 7.05(g,h,i)
Fails to retouch after catch	7.08(d), 4.09(a), 5.06, 7.10(a), 7.12
Fails to touch base	4.09(a), 7.10(b), 7.12, 7.02, 6.08(a-c)
	7.04(d), 7.05, 8.05, 10.07(d)
Fails to avoid fielder	7.09(L), 10.10(b-6)
FAIR BALL bounds out of play	6.09(e,f,g), 7.05(f)
deflected ball out of play	6.09(g,h), 7.05(f)
leaves field in flight	6.09(d,h), 7.05(a), 7.02, 7.04
sticks in fence	6.09(e,f), 7.05(f)
touches batter	6.05(g), 7.09(b), 10.10(a)(3)
touches runner or umpire	2.00, 5.09(f), 6.08(d), 6.09(c), 7.08(f),
7.09(m), 10.05(e), 10.10(b-2)	
FIELDER	
falls into bench or stands	5.10(f), 7.04(c)
steps into bench	5.10(f), 7.04(c)
falls after making catch	5.10(f), 7.04(c)
touches fair ball with thrown glove, uniform etc	7.05(a,b,c) (3 bases)
touches thrown ball with thrown glove, uniform etc	7.05(d,e) (2 bases)
Forced to advance	7.04(b), 7.08(e), 4.09, 6.08, 7.01, 7.12
Foul ball (must retouch base)	5.09(e)
Hit batsman	5.09(a), 6.08(b), 7.04(b), 10.16(a)
Hit by pitch when attempting to score	6.05(n), 5.09(h)
two out	6.05(n)
two strikes on batter	6.05(n)
less than two outs/two strikes	6.05(n)
ball or strike	5.09(h)
Illegally batted ball	5.09(d), 6.06(a), 10.10(a)(i)
Impedes following play	6.05(m), 7.09(f), 10.10(b-7)
Injured	5.10(c)
INTERFERES WITH	
Breaking up double play	7.09(g), 10.10(b-6)
Catcher fielding third strike	7.09(a), 6.05(n), 5.09(h), 10.10(b-6)
Fair ball	5.09(f), 6.08(d), 6.09(c), 7.04(b), 7.08(b)
	7.08(f), 7.09(m), 10.05(e)

Fielder	6.05(k,m), 7.08(b), 7.09(f,g,k,l)
Foul ball	7.09(c), 6.05(i)
Thrown ball	7.08(b), 7.09(L)
Leaves baseline	7.08(a), 6.09(b), 4.09(b), 10.10(b-3)
Misses base	4.09, 7.02, 7.10(b), 7.12
Misses base entitled to	6.08(a,b,c), 7.04(d), 7.04(b), 7.05 (notes), 8.05 notes
Must retouch after catch	7.08(d), 7.10(a), 7.12, 4.09(a)
One runner to each base	7.03
Off base	7.08
Tagged	7.08(c), 10.10(1), 10.08(e)
touched by batted ball	7.08(f), 7.04(b), 10.10(b-2), 10.05(e)
touched by infield fly	7.08(f), 7.04(b), 6.05(e), 10.10(b-2)
Misses home plate	4.09(a), 7.08(k), 7.10(d)
Obstruction play being made on runner	7.06(a), 10.07(e),
awarded next base	10.13(f) error
no play being made on runner	7.06(b) (umpires judgment)
Occupies base	7.01, 7.08(c), 7.08(e)
Off line	7.08(a), 10.10(b-3)
Offensive team gathers around base	7.09(e)
Offensive team fails to vacate space	7.11, 3.15
Overruns first base	7.08(a,c,j), 7.10(c)
OUT WHEN	7.08, 7.10, 7.09, 4.09(b), 7.04 notes
Outs removed if appeal bat out of order	6.07
Passes preceding runner	7.08(h), 4.11(c-play 1), 10.10(b-4)
Preceding runner out for third out	4.09(a), 7.12
Pick off thrown out of play	7.05(h)
Pitch thrown out of play	7.05(i,h)
Refuses to advance	4.09(b), 10.10(a-7)
Retired runner continues to advance	7.09(f)
Retouches base after catch	4.09(a), 5.06, 7.08(d), 7.10(a-b), 7.12
Returns on APPEAL - batting out of order	6.07
Returns to previous base	5.06, 6.07, 7.01, 7.02, 7.10(b), 5.09(e)
Returns when the ball is dead	7.10(b-2)
Runs bases in reverse order	7.08(i), 10.10(b-5)
Runs outside three foot lane	7.08(a), 7.09(k), 6.05(k)
Runs outside three foot to avoid tag	7.08(a), 10.10(b)(3)
Starts behind 3rd base-running start	7.10
Substitutions	3.04, 3.08, 5.10(c), 6.08, 6.10(b), 4.12
Thrown ball goes out of play	7.05(g), (h)
Touches fair ball	5.09(f), 6.08(d), 6.09(c), 7.08(f), 7.09(m)
	7.04(b), 10.10(b-2)
Touches INFIELD FLY	
on base	7.08(f)
off base	7.08(f), 7.08(b), 10.10(b-2), 10.05(e)
Touches pitch	5.09(h), 6.05(n)
Touched by third strike when scoring	6.05(n), 5.09(h), 6.05(b)
To touch each base in order	7.02
Two runners to one base	7.03
Umpire interference with catcher	5.09(b)
Umpire touched by fair batted ball	5.09(f), 6.08(d), 6.09(c), 7.04(b), 7.09(m)
Umpire touched by pitched/thrown ball	5.08, 6.05(b), 7.05(i), 6.08(a)
Walk	6.08(a), 7.04(a), 7.05(i)
Wild throw	7.05(g-h)

## SACRIFICE

### SCORING RUNS

(SEE ALSO SUSPENDED GAMES)

REMEMBER "BAT- FOR - MISS- APPEAL

(Batter, force, missed base- ON APPEAL)

Affects of PRECEDING RUNNER

7.12, 4.09, 7.10

Batter interfered with-runner on third

7.07, 7.04(d)

Batter hinders or interferes at home

7.08(g), 7.09(d)

Batter has reached first base

4.09, 7.08(a)

Batter has not reached first base

4.09, 7.08(a)

Forced out may affect score

7.08(e), 2.00, 4.09(a), 7.04(b), 7.12

FOURTH OUT may affect scores

7.10 notes, 4.09(a)

Pitch touches runner attempt to score

6.05(n), 5.09(h)

Returns to missed base after following runner has scored

5.06, 7.10(b-2)

Status of preceding runner

7.12

Subsequent actions of runner

5.06

To touch each base in order

7.02, 4.09(a)

Third out may affect scores

4.09(a), 7.12, 7.10, 7.08(e), 10.04(b-c)

Time plays on appeals

7.10, 7.08(e)(d), 7.02

Game ending home run/hit

4.09(b), 4.11(c), 10.04(a), 10.07(f), 10.04(a-1)

### RUNS BATTED IN

Batted in

10.04

Earned runs

10.18

Scored Unearned

10.18

### SPECTATORS

Interference

3.16, 3.15, 2.00

rushing onto field

2.00, 3.16, 3.15, 4.09(b), 10.07(g)

unauthorised on field

3.15, 3.16, 9.01(e)be

### STOLEN BASES

advances UNAIDED –hit

10.08

putout

10.08(h)

error

10.08(f)

force out

10.08

fielders choice

10.08

passed ball

10.08

wild pitch

10.08

catcher throws wild

10.08(b)

### CHARGE "CAUGHT STEALING" WHEN

put out by errorless play when stealing

10.08(h)(1)

picked off base

10.08(h-2)

overslides when stealing

10.08(h-3)

runner avoids out in rundown

10.08(c)

runner given out on double steal

10.08(d)

runner overslides base to which stealing

10.08(e)

runner should have been out but for error

10.08(f)

should have been out on fielders choice

10.08(g)

starts before pitch delivered

10.08(a)



STRIKE ZONE/STRIKE DEFINITIONS	
STRIKE	2.00
STRIKE ZONE	2.00
FOUL TIP	2.00, 6.05(b), 2.00-Inflight
CATCH (LEGALLY CAUGHT)	2.00, 6.05(b), 2.00-Inflight, 10.17(a-1)
Bunted foul	6.05(d), 10.17(a-4)
Coach may query half swing	9.02(c)
Hits batter	6.08(b-1), 6.05(f), 5.09(a), 10.09(a)
Hits runner	5.09(h), 6.05(n)
Hits umpire	5.08, 5.09(g), 7.05(i)
NOT CAUGHT	
Batter becomes runner	6.09(b), 2.00 (ball), 10.17(a-3)
Batter is out	6.05(c), 2.00 (ball), 10.17(a-2)
batter starts for bench	6.09(b), 7.08(a)
Umpire to call pitch	9.02(a-c)
Pitch lodges in umpire/catchers gear	5.09(g), 7.05(i)
Third strike caught	6.05(b), 10.17(a-1)
SUBSTITUTIONS	
Announced	3.03, 3.05(c), 3.07
Assumes position	3.08
Completes suspended game	4.12(d), 10.02
DESIGNATED HITTER	
assumes position	6.10(b), 3.08
pinch hitter for	6.10(b), 3.08, 6.04
pinch hitter enters game	6.10(b), 3.05(b), 3.08
in offense	6.04, 5.10(c,h)
Enters game	3.03, 3.06, 3.08, 5.10(d)
FIELDER designated hitter	6.10(b), 6.04
enters game	3.03, 3.06, 3.08, 5.10(d)
place in batting order	3.03, 4.04
no announcement made	3.08 and play commences
warm up throws	3.03
Improper substitution made	3.05(c), 6.10(b), 6.04
Manager to notify	3.06, 3.03, 3.07, 5.10(d)
No announcement made	3.08
Injuries	5.10(c,h), 3.05
PINCH HITTER	
enters game	3.08, 3.05(b), 3.03
enters to pitch	6.10(b), 4.04
for designated hitter	6.10(b)
no announcement made	3.08, 3.03
place in batting order	3.03, 4.04
PITCHER	
Announcement made	3.05(b), 3.07, 3.08bs,3
bats for designated hitter	6.10(b), 4.04, 6.04
improper pitcher enters game	3.05(c)
injured	3.05, 5.10(c,h)
pinch hitter becomes pitcher	6.10(b)
moves to another position	3.03, 6.10(b), 4.04
starting pitcher	3.05(a)
substitute pitcher	3.05(b)

to pitch to one batter	3.05(a)(b), 6.04
to pitch to one batter or retire side	3.05(a), (b)
visits to the mound	8.06, 5.10(d)
time to be called	5.10(d)
warm up throws	8.03, 8.06
<b>RUNNER</b>	3.04, 6.10(b), 3.08, 6.08, 5.10(c)bs,3
assumes position	3.03, 3.08
no courtesy runners	3.04, 4.01
Time to be called	5.10(d)
<b>UMPIRE</b> announce	3.07
authority to nominate	3.03
injured players/pitchers	5.10(c,h), 9.02(d)
Umpire injured	9.02(d)
<b>SUSPENDED GAMES</b>	
Completion	4.12(d), 10.03(e)
Curfew	4.12(a-1), 4.12(b)
Darkness	4.12(a-4), 5.10(a), 4.14, 4.12(b)
Home team in front	4.10(c), 4.11(a)
Innings in progress	4.12(a-5), 4.11(b), (d), 10.03(e)
Light failure	4.12(a-3), 5.10(b), 4.12(b), 4.10
Must be regulation game	4.12(b), 4.10(c)
Players/pitchers/substitutes	4.12(d)
Regulation game	4.10, 4.11, 10.03(e-1 & 2), 4.12(b)
Resumption of game	4.12(d)
Score at moment game ends	4.11
Tied score	4.12(a-5), 4.12(b), 2.00, 4.11, 4.10(d)
Time limit	4.12(a-2), 4.12(b), 4.11
Team takes lead	4.11(d) see notes
Visitors tie or take lead	4.11(d), 4.12(a-5)
Weather	4.12(a-5), 4.11(d), 4.12(b), 3.10, 5.10(a), 4.10
<b>TAG</b>	
Definition	2.00
Base dislodged	7.08(c)
Batter to be tagged	6.09(b), 6.05(j), 7.08(a)
Force removed	7.08(e), 10.04(b-c)
<b>RUNNER</b> fails to retouch after catch	7.08(d), 7.10(a)
leaves baseline to avoid tag	7.08(a-1)
misses base	7.10(b), 7.12, 7.02
overruns first base	7.08(a,c,j), 7.10(c)
misses home plate <b>AND RETURNS</b>	7.08(k), 7.10(d)
overrun/overslides base	7.08(c,e)
off base	7.08(c), 10.10(1), 10.08(e)
<b>THIRD OUT</b>	
Appeal	4.09, 7.10, 7.12
Batter interferes/hinders play at home	7.08(g), 7.09(d)
Force out	7.08(e), 2.00, 4.09(a), 7.12, 10.04(b-c)
Run <b>DOES NOT</b> score	4.09(a), 2.00 (force), 7.08(e), 7.08(g),
7.09(d), 6.05(n), 7.10, 7.12	
Runner hit by third strike (two out)	6.05(n), 5.09(h)
Runner overslides first base (on appeal)	7.08(j), 7.10(c), 10.07(d)

### THIRD STRIKE (SEE UNDER STRIKE)

Bunted foul	6.05(d), 10.17(a-4)
Caught legally	6.05(b), 2.00, 2.00 Inflight, 10.17(a-1)
HITS Batter	6.05(f), 6.08(b-2)
Ground	2.00 (ball), 6.05(c), 6.09(b)
Runner	6.05(n), 5.09(h), 10.17(a-1)
Umpire	5.09(g), 7.05(i)
Lodges in umpires/catchers gear	5.09(g), 7.05(i), 10.17(a-2)
NOT CAUGHT batter becomes runner	6.09(b), 10.17(a-3)
Batter is out	6.05(c), 6.05(j), 10.17(a-2)
starts for bench	6.09(b), 7.08(a), 10.17(a-3)
catcher is interfered with	6.05(n), 7.09(a), 6.06(c), 10.10(a-4)

### TIED GAME

Completed innings	4.10(c), (d)
Innings in progress	4.12(a-5), 4.11(d)
Light failure	4.12(a-3), 5.10(b), 4.12(b), 4.10
Must be regulation game	4.12(b), 4.10(c)
Players/pitchers/substitutes	4.12(d)
Regulation game	4.10(d), 4.11, 10.03(e-1 & 2), 4.12(b)
Resumption of game	4.12(d)
Score at moment game ends	4.11
Tied score	4.12(a-5), 4.12(b), 2.00, 4.11, 4.10(d)
Team takes lead	4.11(d) see notes
Visitors tie or take lead	4.11(d), 4.12(a-5)
Weather	4.12(a-5), 4.11(d), 4.12(b), 3.10, 5.10(a), 4.10

TOUCH	2.00
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### TOUCH REQUIREMENTS

Acquires legal right to base	7.01
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### APPEALS

runner fails to touch base	7.10(a), 7.08(d), 7.08(e), 7.02, 10.07(d)
runner misses base when advancing or returning	7.02, 7.10(b), 10.07(d)
cannot return to touch missed base when ball is dead	7.10(b-2)
fails to return immediately to 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.08(j,a,c), 7.10(c)
Must touch even if entitled to base	7.04(d), 6.08(a,c), 8.05 penalty
Not to run in reverse order	7.08(i), 7.02, 10.10(b-5)
Run does not score when	4.09, 7.12
Thrown glove touches ball (must touch)	7.05

### UMPIRES

Authorised	9.01
Bumped by player	4.06(a-4)
Call balls and strikes	9.02(a-c)
Call time	3.12, 5.02, 5.10, 6.02(b)
Decisions appealed	9.02, 9.04(c), 9.05, 4.19
Duties of FIELD umpire	9.04(b)
Duties of PLATE umpire	9.04(a)
Duties of forfeiting games	3.11, 3.18, 4.15, 4.16

Ejecting players	3.02, 4.06(b), 4.07, 4.08, 4.15(f)
Examines ball	5.10(e)
Hit by third strike or ball four	5.08, 5.09(g), 7.05(i)
Injured	9.02(d), 5.10(h), (c)
Interferes with catcher	5.09(b)
Judge of playing conditions	3.10
Postponement responsibility	3.10
Players actions	4.06, 4.08
Lights - darkness etc	5.10, 4.14
Put ball into play	3.01(e), 5.02, 5.11
Report incidents	9.05
Touched by FAIR batted ball	5.09(f), 6.08(d), 6.09(c), 7.09(m), 7.04(b)
Touched by thrown ball/pitched ball	5.08, 5.09(g), 7.05(i), 6.08(a)

#### UNSPORTMANLIKE CONDUCT SEE UNDER DISCIPLINE OF TEAMS

#### WEATHER

3.10, 5.10, 4.12, 4.11, 4.10	
Unsuitable weather conditions	3.10
Manager of first game	3.10
Plate umpire first game-decides game	3.10(b)
Plate umpire sole judge to suspend play	3.10(c)
Not to call game for thirty minutes	3.10(c)
Plate umpire to have control of ground	3.11
Time to be called	3.12, 5.10(a)
Umpires to have sole authority	4.01(d)
Suspended game due to weather	4.12(a-5)
Regulation game if progressed to	4.10(c)
Tied game to be replayed in entirety	4.12(a-5b)
Unless visiting team score to tie	4.12(a-5(i))

#### WARM UP THROWS

Pitcher (8 or as deemed necessary)	8.03, 8.06
Fielder (5)	3.03

#### WILD THROWS

Advances more than one base on wild throw	10.13(d-2)
After batter reaches first base	7.05(g)
Appeals	7.10(d) notes
Attempt to field ball not first play (must be attempt to retire runner)	7.05(g)
Balk	8.05(m) penalty
Ball four -wild pitch	10.14(f)
Before batter reaches first base	7.05(g)
Double or triple play not completed	10.14(c)
Fielder throws wild out of play	7.05(g), 7.10(d)
stays on field and is deflected	7.05(g)(h)
in fielders possession	7.05(g)
still moving and deflected out	
second play by infielder	7.05(g)
Fielder fails to make out	10.13(b)
Fielder fails to make force out	10.13(c)

Fielder fails to stop accurate throw	10.13(e)
Fielder makes wild or poor throw	10.13(d)(1)
-does not apply to stolen base	
First play by infielder	7.05(g)(h)
Handled with ordinary effort	10.13
Hits coach or runner	5.08, 3.15
Interfered with after error	7.08(b), 10.13(f)
Kicked or deflected out of play	7.05(h,g,i)
Obstruction (IN FLIGHT)	7.06, 10.13(f)
Pick off directly into stands/dugout	7.05(h)
Pitch directly into stands/dugout	7.05(h)
-Wild throws	10.13(d-1234), 10.14(a,b,c)
Runner must still avoid fielder	7.08(b)
Second play by infielder	7.05(g)
<b>NO ERRORS TO BE CHARGED</b>	
to catcher unless runner advances extra	10.14(a)
runner would have been safe	10.14(b)
fielder recovers in time to make out	10.14(d)
mental mistakes not error	10.13(3)
Prolongs time at bat or runner	10.13
Slow or poor handling of ball not error	10.13
Throw takes unnatural bounce	10.13(d-3)
To charge only one error	10.13(d-4)
<b>WILD PITCH</b>	
10.15, 10.14(a-f)	
Runner steals before pitch	10.08(a)
Catcher throws wild on steal	10.08(b)