

New 2006 Baseball Rule Revisions

Rules Reference	
1-3-6	<p>Revised Rule: A glove/mitt, worn by the pitcher that includes the colors white or gray, shall be illegal. Rationale: This change will eliminate the confusion this past season with the legality of two-toned gloves. Glove manufacturers are making two-toned gloves which typically have not been distracting and extremely popular.</p>
1-5-5	<p>New Rule: Defensive players are permitted to wear face/head protection in the field. If a pitcher or any defensive player wears face/head protection, its outer covering shall have a non-glare surface. Rationale: Although not frequent, there are occasions when defensive players suffer serious head injuries as a result of being struck by thrown or batted balls. Not surprisingly, pitchers have suffered a disproportionate share of such injuries. This addition emphasizes that fielder's face and head protection is permitted.</p>
2-10-2	<p>Revised Rule: ...A pregame conference is a meeting involving the umpires, both head coaches and team captains (if available) near home plate... Rationale: This reinforces the importance of the head coach at the pre-game meeting and his certification of his players being in compliance.</p>
2-16-1e	<p>Add to the current rule: e. Inadvertently declared foul by an umpire that touches the ground (becomes dead). Rationale: Additional coverage to the definition of a foul ball.</p>
3-1-1	<p>Revised Rule: ... For discovery of an illegal player (2-36-3) on offense by an umpire or either team, that player shall be called out and restricted to the bench/dugout for the duration of the game. An illegal player discovered on defense shall be restricted to the bench/dugout for the duration of the game. Rationale: Correcting an omission from the rules book.</p>
3-3-1a	<p>Amend the current rule and renumber the remaining subarticles: a. leave the dugout during a live ball for an unauthorized purpose; Renumber in penalty (a) to (b) Rationale: After numerous educational initiatives the occurrences of team members entering the live-ball area to congratulate a teammate have become a concern.</p>
5-1-1g4	<p>Amend the rule to read: Lodges in an umpire's, catcher's or offensive player's equipment or uniform and becomes dead. Rationale: Clarifies the rule for an offensive player.</p>

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5-1-1h	<p>Add to the current rule: h. the umpire handles a live ball or calls, "Time" for inspecting the ball or for any other reason, including items in Section 2 or gives the "Do Not Pitch Signal" or inadvertently announces "Foul" on a ball that touches the ground. Rationale: To make the rule compatible with the definition of an uncaught ground ball that touches the ground is dead.</p>
Dead Ball Table	<p>Add to the Current Rule: Activity # 17 ...Umpire inadvertently declares "Foul" as in 2-16-1e Rationale: Provides additional support to new rule change. Activity is consistent with rule for foul ball.</p>
6-2-1h	<p>Amend the current rule: h. wearing a glove/mitt that includes the colors white or gray. Rationale: Additional rule support for the new glove/mitt rule.</p>
8-3-2	<p>Amend the current rule: When a runner is obstructed while advancing or returning to a base by a fielder who neither has the ball nor is attempting to make a play, or a fielder without the ball fakes a tag, if the runner achieves the base he was attempting to acquire then the obstruction is ignored. Rationale: Clarifies the existing rule.</p>
8-3-3f	<p>New Rule: One base beyond the last legally acquired base, if in the umpire's judgment the runner was attempting to advance at the time the ball becomes lodged in an offensive player's uniform or equipment. If the lodged ball occurs during play when the batter-runner was attempting to reach first base, the batter-runner will be awarded first base. Preceding runners will be awarded bases needed to complete the award. Rationale: Provides support and guidance of the new 5-1-1g4 rule.</p>

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	MAJOR EDITORIAL CHANGES
1-1,1-2-12, 1-3, 1-3-7, 1-5	<p>Re-title Rule 1-1 to Positions of Players. Re-title Rule 1-3 to Bats, Balls and Gloves. Re-title 1-5 to Player Equipment. Move the current rules 1-4-5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and rules 1-5-1, 1-5-2 (becomes 1-2-12) 3, 1-5-4 (becomes 1-3-7) 5, 6, 7and 8 into the new Section 5. EDITORIAL DETAIL: Rule(s)1-4-5 becomes 1-5-1; 1-4-6 becomes 1-5-2; 1-4-7 becomes 1-5-3; 1-4-8 becomes 1-5-4; 1-4-9 becomes 1-5-5; 1-5-1 becomes 1-5-6; 1-5-3 becomes 1-5-7; 1-5-5 becomes 1-5-8; 1-5-6 becomes 1-5-9; 1-5-7 becomes 1-5-10; 1-5-8 becomes 1-5-11.</p> <p>Rationale: Player equipment trends and requirements have evolved to a point that justifies the creation of its own section which creates additions to other sections.</p>