OFFICIAL BASEBALL RULES - 2008
The Playing Rules Committee made the following changes that will be in effect for the 2008 season:

• Labeled diagram of fielder's glove as Diagram No. 4. (Rule 1.14)

• Conformed style in Rule 3.01. (Rule 3.01(f))

• Revised Comment to require a coach, until a batted ball passes him, to position himself no closer to home plate than the front edge of the coach's box and no closer to fair territory than the side edge of the coach's box. (Rule 4.05)

• Made stylistic revisions to Rule 4.05(a).

• Conformed style in titles of rules. (Rules 5.00 and 6.00)

• Revised Comment for National Association play to provide for automatic strike sanction (instead of starting over from scratch) if the pitcher does not go through with his pitch because the batter has stepped out of the box. Added a cross-reference to Rule 6.02(d). (Rule 6.02(b))

• Added to Comment for National Association play to give the umpire the discretion to issue a warning in lieu of an automatic strike to a batter failing to remain in the batter's box, if the violation is the batter's first such violation in the game and the umpire judges the violation to be brief and inadvertent. Eliminated a reference to Rule 6.02(c). (Rule 6.02(d)(1))

• Revised Comment to clarify that a batted ball accidentally hitting a helmet that is no attached to runner remains in play as if it had not hit the helmet only if the contact occurs on or over fair territory. (Rule 6.05(h))

• Amended rule on two runners occupying the same base, to add situations in which the following runner is forced to advance by reason of the batter becoming a runner. (Rule 7.03)

• Amended rule on interference by a runner who impedes any following play being made on another runner, to include interference by a runner who has just scored. (Rule 7.09(e))

• Amended rule on pitcher taking signs, to require the pitcher to be in contact with (rather than standing on) the pitcher's plate. (Rule 8.01)

• Corrected style in Rule 8.05(a).

In addition, the index has been revised.