

## 2009 Baseball Rules Changes

1-2-2	<p><b>Change:</b> All <b>non-permanent lines on the playing field shall be marked white</b> with a material not injurious to the eyes or skin. Lime or caustic material of any kind is prohibited.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Clarification for proper lining instructions for grass and turf fields.</p>
6-2-3	<p><b>Change:</b> Intentionally <b>pitch</b> close to a batter.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> To reinforce the responsibility of the pitcher while he has engaged the pitcher's plate.</p>
7-3-4 Penalty	<p><b>Change: Penalty: The batter remains at bat (pitch is a ball or strike) unless the pitch was a third strike <u>or</u> ball four.</b></p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Clarification.</p>
10-1-9 and Umpires' Manual	<p><b>Delete:</b> ... word "<b>heather</b>" gray</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Heather gray slacks are slowing becoming difficult to acquire. Equipment dealers are transitioning into charcoal gray slacks. This rule change will provide umpires the opportunity to purchase any shade of dark shade and be in compliance.</p>