

## **2011 OBR Rule Changes**

The Playing Rules Committee made the following changes that will be in effect for the 2011 season:

- \_ Reorganized the phrasing of Rule 2.00 (Catch).
- \_ Clarified the definition of Tag (Rule 2.00 (Tag)).
- \_ Clarified the circumstances in which interference in Rule 3.15 applies, made stylistic revisions, moved a Note to the Rule 3.15 Comment and revised the Play in Rule 3.15 Comment.
- \_ Corrected a cross-reference in Rule 4.01 Comment.
- \_ Added interference with a batted ball to the list of circumstances causing a batter to be declared out. (Rule 6.05(o))
- \_ Added interference with a thrown ball to the list of circumstances causing a runner to be declared out. (Rule 7.08(l))
- \_ Clarified remedies for interference with a batted or thrown ball and made stylistic changes. (Rule 7.11)
- \_ Clarified the rule allowing a pitcher to touch his mouth or lips on mound. (Rule 8.02(a)(1))
- \_ Made a stylistic revision in Rule 8.02(c).
- \_ Revised comment on intentionally pitching at a batter to prohibit arguing a decision by the umpire to issue a warning. (Rule 8.02(d) Comment) The first paragraph of Rule 8.02(d) Comment shall apply in the Major Leagues for the 2011 season only.

In addition, the index has been revised.