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**DIFFERENCES 2010**

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Pitching Distance 60'6"	1-2-11	1-1-2b NOTE	PITCH DIS. 43' EFFECT. 2010-11 unless STATE. ADOPTS 2009-10
No similar rule		1-1-2d	16' circle MUST be drawn around pitcher's plate
Catcher's box 8'x 43" from point of plate	1-2 Diag. 2	1-1-4 Diag. 1	Catcher's box 10'x 8'5" from back of batter's box
<b>Field Dimensions</b>			<b>Field Dimensions</b>
Batter's box 4'x 6'	1-2 Diag. 2	1-1-4 Diag. 1	Batter's box 3'x 7'
Catcher's box 8'x 43" from point of plate	1-2 Diag. 2	1-1-4 Diag. 1	Catcher's box 10' x 8'5" from back line of batter's box
	1-2 Diag. 2	1-1-4 Diag. 1	Bases 60' 3' Lane 30'
Coaches box 20'x 5' 15' from foul line	1-2 Diag. 2	1-1-4 Diag. 1	Coaches box 15' 8' from foul line
Non permanent lines Must be white	1-2-2.		No color listed in rules
Pitcher's mound 10" high Synthetic material allowed	1-2-6	Cs Bk. 10.2.3 Sit.B	Pitcher's plate flush with ground No synthetic material allowed
<b>Ball Dimensions</b>			<b>Ball Dimensions</b>
5 to 5 1/4 oz. 9 to 9 1/4" Cover MUST be leather and white. COR may not exceed .555	1-3-1	1-3-1 to 6	6 1/4 to 7oz. 11 7/8"to 12 1/4" cover may be synthetic. Optic color ball allowed. COR .47 or lower. COR may not be mixed Compression identical for all game balls Dymanic Stiff included
<b>Bat Dimensions</b>			<b>Bat Dimensions</b>
36" max. length 2 5/8" diam. Non-wood bats must meet (BESR) standard. Wood bats Max. Diam 2 3/4".. Shape of handle not mentioned	1-3-4	1-5-1 & 2	34" max. length 2 1/4" Diam. MUST have ASA 2004 performance label 2000 may be allowed HANDLE MAY BE ROUND OR OVAL Wood bats no ASA approval mark needed
METAL bats MUST have a safety grip. Min.10" Max. 18" and meet BESR exit speed	1-3-3	1-5-2a	ALL bats MUST have safety grip. Min.10" Max 15"
No similar rule		1-5-3.	On deck batter allowed only two bats
Batting helmet face mask optional	1-5-2	1-6-6	Batting helmet face mask mandatory
Min. length to weight required.	1-3-4		No similar rule
<b>Gloves</b>			<b>Gloves</b>
Non-adult warming up pitcher at ANY location must wear mask & throat protector	1-5-4	1-7-3.	Non-adult warming up pitcher WITHIN CONFINES of field must wear mask & throat protector.
Glove color restriction for pitcher only	1-3-6	1-4-2	NO player may wear optic color, gray or white glove TWO TONE GLOVE ALLOWED

Use of illegal glove has penalty of two or three bases	1-5-7,5-1-2g 8-3-4	1-4-2, 8-8-15 PEN	Use of illegal glove option: result of play or batter bats again
	<b><u>RULE 2</u></b>	<b><u>RULE 2</u></b>	
No similar rule		2-2-3	Blocked ball becomes dead ball
Bat held motionless in strike zone NO STRIKE	Casebk.7.2.1Sit B	2-8-2.	Bat held over plate MUST be withdrawn or STRIKE is called
No change in definition of a catch.One foot in dead ball area, GOOD CATCH	Casebk2.9.1 SIT.C	2-9-5d	No catch with entire foot on ground in dead ball area.
Imaginary line drawn from first to third, ball strikes ground beyond this line is fair ball	2-5-1b		No similar rule
No similar rule		2-16	CROW HOP-Illegal replanting of pivot foot-ILLEGAL PITCH
Foul tip may be caught by any FIELDER	2-16-2	2-25-2	Foul tip may only be caught by catcher i.e. SHARPLY & DIRECTLY SOME UMPIRE JUDGEMENT INVOLVED
No similar rule		2-33	LEAP- both feet air borne at time of pitch- ILLEGAL PITCH
Illegal pitch declared only with no one on;with runner on BALK :NO PITCH	2-18, 5-1-1k	2-43-2	Illegal pitch only type of pitch delivered not in accordance with rule. When pitch is not ignored, batter awarded additional ball. This is DELAYED DEAD BALL.
No similar rule		2-45	Determines when pitcher is in 16'circle
If a fielder misplay a batted ball, fielder has greater responsibility for avoiding contact with the runner	8-4-2g	2-47-3a,b,c	Initial play includes deflected batted ball by pitcher or in flight
No similar rule		2-51-1,2a,b	SLAP HIT NOT a bunt by rule
Strike zone: top halfway between shoulders and waistline to knees when, in natural batting stance	2-35.	2-56-3	Strike zone:forward arm pit to TOP of knees in natural batting stance
Unreported substitute no penalty	2-36-2	2-57-2 3-6-7 PEN.	Unreported sub,TEAM WARNING 2nd time player & coach restricted

Intentional base on balls may be given at any time	2-4-3	2-63-1	No intentional base on balls,all pitches must be delivered
	<b><u>RULE 3</u></b>	<b><u>RULE 3</u></b>	
DESIGNATED HITTER may be used	<b><u>3-1-4.</u></b>	<b><u>3-1-1.</u></b>	DESIGNATED PLAYER/FLEX may be used
Numbers must be at least 8" high	1-4-3	3-2-2	Numbers must be at least 6" high.
Pitcher may NOT wear a white or gray exposed undershirt at any time. Caps MUST be worn, Shorts not listed.	1-4-1&2, 6-2-1i	3-2-5 & 7b	NO restrictions for color of pitcher's undershirt Headwear NOT required.Caps, visors and headbands MAY be mixed Shorts and skirts allowed.
No mention of lower undergarments		3-2-7a	Exposed upper and lower undergarments need NOT be same color.
No item on BOTH hands,wrists or arms may be worn,if distracting to batter	1-4-2	3-2-9	NO item on PITCHING hand, wrist, arm & thighs deemed distracting may be worn-- UMPIRE JUDGEMENT
NO jewelry allowed	1-5-12.	3-2-12 NOTE	Bobby pins, barrettes,and hair clips no longer than 2" ALLOWED
No similar rule		3-3-2	sub;DP for FLEX or FLEX for DP MUST REPORT to UIC
Pitcher or sub required to pitch to one batter or side retired to return to pitch	1-1-5, 3-1-1	3-3-2	Pitcher not required to pitch to one batter to return as pitcher
Line up changes reported to UIC and scorekeeper.	1-1-5	3-3-3	Line up changes reported to UIC.
Sub may not reenter	3-1-3	3-3-5	ANY player may reenter once
Designated Hitter DH : REFER TO RULE	3-1-4	3-3-6	Designated Player / Flex DP/ FLEX REFER TO RULE:
Head Coach NOT at pre game; RESTRICTED TO BENCH if he refuses to attend	3-2-4.	3-5-1PEN.	Game May NOT start Untill HEAD COACH attends pregame
Coach must be in team uniform in coaches box	3-2-1	3-5-3.	Coach NOT required to be in team uniform. School colors or khaki, black, white gray or fleece is acceptable
Illegal equip. removed only PLAYER penalized coach not entered in penalty	1-5-1 7-4-1a	3-6-1	Illegal equip. used after first penalty and warning, player and COACH restricted to bench
Unreported sub no penalty	2-36-2	3-6-12 PEN	Unreported sub TEAM WARNING second offense COACH and PLAYER restricted
No mention in rules		3-6-17PEN	Removing ANY boundry line Offensive team, Strike Defensive team, ball on second offense player and COACH are restricted

Defensive malicious contact IMMEDIATE DEAD BALL	5-1-1m	3-6-18 PEN.	Defensive malicious contact DELAYED DEAD BALL
	<b><u>RULE 4</u></b>	<b><u>RULE 4</u></b>	
No similar rule		4-1-4	Ball rotation is mandatory
	<b><u>RULE 5</u></b>	<b><u>RULE 5</u></b>	
Pitch striking runner-Dead ball	5-1-1a		Technically impossible- pitch to strike runner
Retired runner interferes-If uncertain who might be played on runner closest to home declared out if it prevents double play	5-1-1e, 8-4-2g	5-1-1e,8-6-18	Retired runner interferes: Runner closest to home is out if it prevents double play
Ball touching DESIGNATED media area:occupied or NOT, DEAD BALL	5-1-1l	5-1-1o	Ball touching OCCUPIED designated media area: Dead Ball
Illegal pitch or balk- DEAD immediately NO Pitch	5-1-1k	5-1-2a	Illegal pitch is delivered, delayed dead ball- coach has options
	<b><u>RULE 6</u></b>	<b><u>RULE 6</u></b>	
<b>REFER TO RULE FOR COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING</b>			<b>REFER TO PITCHING RULE FOR COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING</b>
1. Two pitching positions- Wind up and Set	6-1-1,2,3	6-1-1.	1. One pitching position
2. Set position one foot in contact with or directly in front of plate		6-1-1,Diag. 6	2. One or two feet must be in contact with plate
3. Not mentioned		6-1-1a	3. Shoulders in line with first and third
4. No time limit mentioned		6-1-1c	4. Ball must be held in both hands from 1 to 10 seconds
5. No mention		6-1-1a	5. Both feet must be within 24" of plate
6. no mention		6-1-1.	6. Ball may be in hand or glove with hands separated
Wind up position hands may separate	6-1-2	6-1-2	Once hands separate pitch MUST be delivered PEN. Illegal pitch
1 In wind up position pitcher may step back with non pivot foot	6-1-2	6-1-2	1. Pitcher must START step back BEFORE hands come together. Step MAY end BEFORE or AFTER hands come together
2. NO mention of crow hop or leap		6-1-2 NOTE 2	2. Crow hop and leap are illegal
3. 24" limitation not mentioned		6-1-2b	3. Step MUST be forward within 24" length of plate
1. May or may not deliver underhand	6-1-3	6-1-3	1. Delivery MUST be underhand
2. Illegal pitch immediate dead ball			2. Illegal pitch: delayed dead ball.
3. In set position pitcher may not stop above chin level			3. No mention of where pitcher may stop
MAY reverse forward motion		6-1-4c	No stop or reversal of forward motion
NO similar motion		6-1-4d	Arm may drop to side and rear prior to windmill motion
No similar rule		6-1-4e	Pitcher may not wind up after release of pitch Illegal pitch

By state association adoption pitching limits required	6-1-6		No similar rule
Balk - No pitch- Dead immediately	5-1-1k	6-2-1 to 3	Illegal pitch-delayed dead ball
Illegal pitch no one on: ball. Runner on: balk	6-1-1 PEN.	6-1-1,2,3,4	Illegal pitch- additional ball on batter, and runners advance
Runner(s) on balk- DEAD BALL immediately	5-1-1k	6-2-3	Illegal pitch is delayed dead ball- Coach has options
Illegal pitch or balk,DEAD BALL IMMEDIATELY	6-1-1,2,3 PEN.	6-2-3 EXCEPTION	Coach has option if batter hits ILLEGAL PITCH
Quick pitch -No pitch Balk with runner on	6-1-1	6-2-4b	Quick pitch-No pitch
Quick pitch Illegal pitch	6-1-1 PEN.	6-2-4b & c	Runner leaves base before pitch is released & quick pitch NO PITCH. Runner leaves base before release of pitch-Runner is OUT
No similar rule		r6-3-2	No one on Catcher MUST return pitch to pitcher: Penalty: Ball
Sub pitcher allowed 8 pitches	6-2-2 EXCPT.	6-2-5	All pitchers allowed only 5 warm up pitches. There are exceptions
Pitch dropped during delivery crosses foul line:no one on BALL does not cross line NO PITCH Runner on: BALK	6-1-4	6-2-6 and EFFECT	Pitch dropped backswing or forward motion:live ball, batter may swing legally. Runner may advance at own risk
No penalty listed		6-2-5 PEN.	Ball for each pitch in excess of five during warm up
Pitcher may throw to base in set position	6-1-3	6-2-7	In pitching position may NOT throw to base
No mention in rule		6-2-8	If fielder takes position in batter's line of vision with unsporting intent ILLEGAL PITCH
By state association adoption pitching limits required	6-1-6.		No similar rule

Intentionally PITCH close: may WARN or EJECT	6-2-3.		No mention in rule
	<b><u>RULE 7</u></b>	<b><u>RULE 7</u></b>	
After a pitch (legal or illegal) or a play or attempted play by defense, defense loses right to appeal	7-1-2 PEN. 2	7-1-2 2.	Only after a pitch (legal or illegal ) defense loses right to appeal batting out of order
Batter MUST keep one foot in box (some exceptions)	7-3-1		No similar rule
Batter must take position within 20 seconds PEN. STRIKE	7-3-1.	7-3-1.	Batter must take position within 10 seconds. PENALTY STRIKE
Batter interferes with catcher, he still has opportunity to throw out runner	7-3-5c	7-4-4 &5-1-1q	If batter interferes with catcher DEAD ball immediately
Use of illegal bat:Defense may take penalty or result of play	7-4-1a	7-4-2 PEN.	Use of an illegal bat:Batter is out-ANY outs made on play stand.
Broken, dented, cracked bat removed with NO penalty	1-3-5	1-5-8	Broken, cracked, dented bats are illegal
	<b><u>RULE 8</u></b>	<b><u>RULE 8</u></b>	
Intentional base on balls may be awarded with any count	2-4-3.	8-1-1c	All pitches MUST be delivered- NO intentional walk
Batted fair ball strikes runner on base in front of fielder OUT	8-4-2k	8-1-2 EFFT 3.	Runner in contact with base struck by batted fair ball NOT OUT . Dead or live ball depends on position of fielder
Batter struck by illegal pitch or balk NOT AWARDED base	2-28-2.	8-1-2b	Batter struck by legal or illegal pitch is awarded base
Batter/runner may retreat to HOME before being declared out	casebook 8.1.1A	8-2-8.	Batter/runner STEPS backward to avoid, delay tag Out dead ball
No similar rule		8-4-3f EXCEPT. 1	Fielder loses possession on tag, ball goes dead-- award 1 base
Obstructed runner awarded at least one base in advance, ball remains alive for other runners.	8-3-2.	8-4-3 1	Obstructed runner awarded base would have reached. Dead ball if runner is tagged out before reaching awarded base
After dead ball runner need NOT remain on base	8-2-8	,8-5-1,6 8-6-21	After dead ball runner must remain on base until pitch is released
BATTER is out when runner interferes with FOUL fly ball	7-4-1f	8-6-10b	RUNNER is out when interfering with FOUL fly ball

If a fielder drops a batted ball, the fielder has the greater responsibility for avoiding contact with the runner"	8-4-2g	2-47-3abc 8-6-10a	If a runner makes contact with fielder attempting to field batted ball, runner is interfering if fielder can make a play by step & reach even in subsequent attempt
Runner interferes prevents obvious double play batter/runner out also	8-4-1h	8-6-10PEN.	Runner interferes in an obvious attempt to prevent a double play,immediate succeeding runner is OUT.
Batted ball passes INFIELDER no other INFIELDER has chance for out runner not out.(batted ball hits runner while off base)	8-4-2k	8-6-11.	Batted ball passes INFIELDER and an OUTFIELDER has chance to field & make an out.RUNNER IS OUT if interfering. NOT COMMON occurrence
Loose equipment on field causes interference umpire decision award or penalty	1-3-7 PEN	8-6-15	Loose equipment offensive: runner played on out. defensive-overthrow
Retired runner interferes prevents obvious double play batter/runner out	8-4-1h PEN.	8-6-18 Pen.	Retired runner interferes to prevent play on another runner, runner closest to home out also
No similar rule		8-7-1,2,3,4	Look-back rule certain restrictions for batter/runner and runners
Use of illegal glove 3 BASES BATTED BALL-2 BASES THROWN BALL	8-3-3 b,c	8-8-15 PEN.	Use of illegal glove, coach has option of result of play or batter bats over
On base on balls batter MUST not over run first -liable to be tagged out	8-2-7	8-8-9.	Batter MAY over run first on base on balls- not liable to be tagged out
By state assn. adoption courtesy runner may be used	Speed up Pg.66	8-9-1	Courtesy runner allowed by rule
Diving is illegal	8-4-2d PEN.	Casebk. 8.3.1F	Diving is legal
Injured courtesy runner MAY be replaced by a C/ R	EXCEPT Pg.66 7a	8-9 EXCEPT. 2	Injured courtesy runner MAY NOT be replaced by a C/R
	<b><u>RULE 9</u></b>		
<b>ALL RUN SCORING RULES ARE THE SAME</b>			<b>ALL RUN SCORING RULES ARE THE SAME</b>
	<b><u>RULE 10</u></b>	<b><u>RULE 10</u></b>	
UMPIRE undershirt must be BLUE, if worn GREY ONLY		10-4 2.	UMPIRE undershirt must be WHITE, if worn. Trousers may be NAVY