

OFFICIAL WBSC BASEBALL5 RULEBOOK

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Briefing
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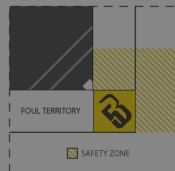
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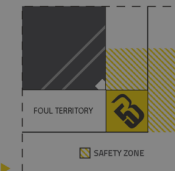
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- by any runner being forced out; or
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OUTS

* In Baseball5, unlike in baseball and softball, it is the first bounce of the ball that determines whether the hit ball is fair or not:

- First bounce in foul territory = batter is OUT
- First bounce in fair territory = the ball is live

** If a player erroneously hits out of turn, the action will result in an out for the offensive team. The legitimate batter shall be ruled out and the batting order should resume with the following player. The defensive team is responsible for notify any of the Game Officials before the next batter.

*** Offensive players are forbidden to slide/dive in Baseball5.

The defensive team needs to eliminate three opponents in an inning in order to switch sides and become the offensive team.

How the defence makes "outs":

- By touching the base (while in possession of the ball) where the runner is "forced" to run to;
- By catching a hit ball before it touches the ground (fly out);
- By touching the base (while in possession of the ball) where the runner is "forced" to return to after a fly out
- By tagging a runner when he/she is not on a base; Tagging = touching the runner with the ball in hand;
- If a batter reaches 1st base safely but fails to remain in the safe area and is tagged by a defender while outside the safe area.

How the offensive players eliminate themselves due to an illegal behaviour/action:

- By touching (stepping) on one of the batter's box lines while hitting the ball;
- By hitting the ball in foul territory**;
- By being hit by a legally hit ball;
- By completely missing the ball in the attempt of hitting;
- By intentionally faking to hit the ball;
- By not making a hit ball touch the fairground at least once before touching the fences or going above the fences;
- By not making the hit ball reach the outfield fence (in case of no touch by any defensive player);
- By not respecting the batting order and hitting in place of a teammate***;
- By a runner leaving the base before the batter hits the ball;
- By passing a teammate while in the action of running the bases;
- By being tagged while two or more runners are on the same base by (the player listed later in the batting order shall be called "out");
- By leaving the batter's box before the ball reaches fair territory;
- By sliding/diving in the attempt to safely reach a base or in the attempt to avoid a tag***.

NOTE: Runners must do everything possible to avoid a collision with the defenders. Should a Game Official decide that a runner could have avoided a collision, the runner shall be ruled "out".

UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR

Should a Game Official detect any unsportsmanlike behaviour from any delegation member - players on and off the field, coach and team manager the responsible person may be ejected from the game.

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Adjusted:

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Reasoning: Alignment/Spacing

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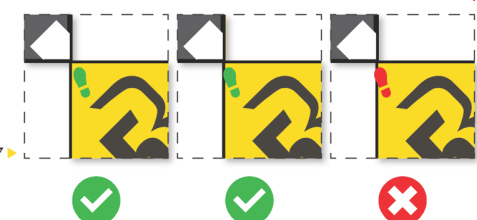
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Picture 7



PAGE 12 – DEAD BALL / BASES LOADED

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DEAD BALL

Fielding = the attempt of the defensive player to gain possession of the ball after a hit.

Catching = the attempt of the defensive player to gain possession of the ball after it has been thrown to him/her by a teammate.

If, after a valid hit, the ball leaves the field of play and is no longer playable by the defence, the game stops. In such cases, one of the following will be applied:

- No extra base is awarded if the ball leaves the field of play while a defensive player is attempting to field the hit.
- Extra bases are awarded only on defensive errors.
- Errors can be called by any of the Game Officials, should a ball leave the field of play due to an errant throw or a missed catch. In such case each runner is awarded an extra base after the base he/she would have reached during the defensive play.
- On a defensive error the batter/runner goes to 2nd base, the runner on 1st base goes to 3rd base, runners on 2nd and 3rd base will score.
- Should the runner starting from 1st base have clearly gained 3rd base, before the defensive error occurred, he/she should be awarded the run. The same applies to the batter/runner attempting to reach 3rd base or home-plate.
- In the event of a defensive error, each runner advances one more base than the one he/she was trying to reach at the instant the defensive player threw the ball.
- The ball is also dead if the Game Official calls an obstruction (each runner advances one base).

BASES LOADED, TWO OUTS – SPECIAL CASE

In a situation with bases loaded and two outs where the runner at 3rd base is up (according to the batting order) each runner advances one base with the runner on 3rd base going to hit and a pinch runner placed on 1st base. In teams with only five players, the first player called out in that inning becomes a pinch runner on 1st base. The batting order shall always be respected.

Example Line-up:

1. Paul
2. Jane
3. Mike
4. Steve
5. Kim

Example Innings:

1. Paul, base hit. Paul is on 1st base, no outs, Jane goes into the batter's box.
2. Jane, base hit. Paul is on 2nd base, Jane is on 1st base, no outs, Mike goes into the batter's box.
3. Mike, base hit. Paul is on 3rd base, Jane is on 2nd base, Mike is on 1st base, no outs, Steve goes into the batter's box.
4. Steve, fly out. Paul is on 3rd base, Jane is on 2nd base, Mike is on 1st base, one out, Kim goes into the batter's box.
5. Kim, fly out. Paul is on 3rd base, Jane is on 2nd base, Mike is on 1st base, two outs, Paul should be the next batter, but he is on 3rd base.

Therefore:

Paul goes into the batter's box, Jane advances to 3rd base, Mike to 2nd base and Steve (first out of the inning) goes to 1st base as a pinch runner.

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A player can request time by raising the hands and in possession of the ball and a play is over. The ball is live until the Game Official grants the request.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Tactical substitution: Tactical substitutions can take place every time a team changes between offence and defence.

Reserve players can only enter the game once. Therefore, they cannot re-enter the game once they are substituted out of the game. A starting player can only re-enter the game to regain their original spot in the batting order.

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Should the Home Team be ahead on the scorecard after the Visiting Team has completed its fifth offensive inning, the game is over, and the Home Team wins.

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TIE-BREAK RULE

In the case of a tied game, the teams shall play and complete extra inning(s) until one team scores more runs than the opponent.

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ANNEX 1

WISC Baseball		OFFICIAL LINE-UP			
STARTERS	NAME	M/F	N°	COMPETITION	
1				PLACE	
2				DATE	
3				GAME #	
4				HOME	
5				VISITOR	
SUBSTITUTES				TEAM	
				MANAGER	
				SIGNATURE	

ANNEX 2

OFFICIAL SCORE CARD



Visitor Line-up

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1									
2									
3									
4									
5									

Inning

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1									
2									
3									
4									
5									

Home Line-up

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1									
2									
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4									
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Inning

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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<p>Start time: _____</p> <p>End time: _____</p>	<p>Visitor</p> <p>Home</p>	<p>Competition: _____</p> <p>Place: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>Game: _____</p> <p>Visitor: _____</p> <p>Home: _____</p> <p>1. Objective played/written off? _____</p> <p>2. Field left on 2nd base _____</p> <p>3. Field left on 1st base _____</p> <p>4. Objective played/written off? _____</p> <p>5. Out of play/nothing _____</p> <p>6. In play _____</p> <p>7. Player on 1st base is out/nothing _____</p> <p>8. Player on 2nd base is out/nothing _____</p> <p>9. Player on 3rd base is out/nothing _____</p>
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<p>Home Plate Official</p> <p>1st PAID OFFICIAL _____</p> <p>2nd PAID OFFICIAL _____</p> <p>3rd PAID OFFICIAL _____</p> <p>4th PAID OFFICIAL _____</p>	<p>Game Official</p>
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OFFICIAL SCORE CARD



NATIONAL GOLF CLUB OF INDIA

VISITOR LINE-UP

No.	Name	Handicap	Score	Hole
1				1
2				2
3				3
4				4
5				5
6				6
7				7
8				8
9				9
10				10
11				11
12				12
13				13
14				14
15				15
16				16
17				17
18				18

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1				1
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4				4
5				5
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7				7
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13				13
14				14
15				15
16				16
17				17
18				18

Start-Time _____ Finish-Time _____

VISITOR _____ HOME _____

Competition _____

Place _____

Date _____

Game # _____

Visitor _____

Home _____

Home Match Official _____

1st Field Officer _____

2nd Field Officer _____

3rd Field Officer _____

Tidee Official _____

- ✗ Officiating player listed out
- ⚡ Batter safe on a HR
- 🔥 Batted 4HR - Home team
- 🔥 Incomplete inning
- 🏠 End of offensive batting
- 📊 Substitution
- 👤 Runner on base in active inning
- 🕒 Day scored

For further details visit the updated Game Management System (GMS) Document.