

2014	2015	OBR 2014/2015 Rules Cross-Reference (key on 2014)
<b>Rule 1</b>		<b>Objective of the Game</b>
1.01	1.01	Baseball is a game between two teams ...
1.02	1.05	The objective of each team
1.03	1.06	The winner of the game ...
1.04	2.01	Layout of the field
1.05	2.02	Home base
1.06	2.03	The bases
1.07	2.04	The pitcher's plate
1.08	2.05	Benches/dugouts
1.09	3.01	The ball
1.10	3.02	The bat
1.11 (a-i)	3.03 (a-k)	Player uniforms
1.12	3.04	The catcher's mitt
1.13	3.05	The first baseman's mitt
1.14	3.06	Fielding gloves
1.15	3.07	Pitcher's glove
1.16	3.08	Helmets
1.17	3.09	Undue commercialization
<b>Rule 2</b>		<b>Definitions of Terms</b>
<b>Rule 3</b>		<b>Game Preliminaries</b>
3.01	4.01	Before the game begins
3.02	3.01	Discoloring or altering the ball
3.03	5.10(a, d)	You can sub on any dead ball, sub takes spot in order; sub errors
3.04	5.10(e)	No player in BO may run for another player (no courtesy runner)
3.05	5.1	Pitcher substitution rules
a	5.10(f)	Announced pitcher must pitch to one batter
b	5.10(g)	Sub pitcher must pitch to one batter
c	5.10(h)	Improper sub for pitcher
d	5.10(i)	If returning pitcher crosses foul line, must pitch to one batter
3.06	5.10(b)	Manager brings substitutions to plate umpire
3.07	5.10(c)	UIC causes substitutions to be announced
3.08 (a, b)	5.10(j)	Unannounced substitutions
3.09	4.06	No mingling with spectators
3.10	4.04	Playability of the field
3.11	4.08	Doubleheaders
3.12	5.12	"Time" / "Play"
3.13	4.05	Ground rules
3.14	3.1	Carry equipment off the field
3.15	6.01(d)	Unintentional interference, persons allowed on the field
3.16	6.01(e)	Spectator interference
3.17	5.10(k)	Stay in dugout unless on field; who is allowed in dugout
3.18	4.07	Home team ensures order and provides security

**Rule 4****Starting and Ending the Game**

4.01	4.03	Plate meeting, exchange and make lineup official
4.02	5.01	Take the field; "Play"
4.03	5.02	Positions of players on the field
4.04	5.04	Following the batting order
4.05	5.03	Base coaches
4.06(a, b)	6.04(a)	Incite action; employ means; use language; etc., employ means to distract batter
4.07	6.04(d)	When ejected, must leave the field
4.08	6.04(e)	Disapproval from the dugout of umpire's action
4.09	5.08	How a team scores
4.10	7.01	Regulation game
4.11	7.01	The score; completing a regulation game
4.12	7.02	Suspended game
4.13	4.08	Doubleheaders
4.14	3.01(f)	Calling game for darkness
4.15	7.03	Forfeiting game - seven reasons
4.16	7.03	Forfeit, con't
4.17	7.03	Forfeit, con't
4.18	7.03	Forfeit, con't
4.19	7.04	Protesting games

**Rule 5****Putting the Ball in Play. Live Ball.**

5.01	5.01	"Play"
5.02	5.01, 5.06	Live ball, dead ball
5.03	5.01	Deliver the pitch
5.04	1.02	Offense objectives
5.05	1.03	Defense objectives
5.06	1.04	Scoring a run
5.07	6.02, 5.09(e)	Three outs - retiring the side
5.08	6.01(f)	Thrown ball accidentally touches coach or umpire - play on
5.09	5.06(b)(3)	Base awards - one base, or return protected
a	5.06(c)(1)	Pitched ball hits batter or his clothing
b	5.06(c)(2)	Plate umpire interferes with catcher's throw (umpire interference)
c	5.06(c)(3)	Balk is committed
d	5.06(c)(4)	Illegally batted ball
e	5.06(c)(5)	Foul ball not caught
f	5.06(c)(6)	Fair batted ball touches runner (offensive interference)
g	5.06(c)(7)	Pitched ball lodges in catcher's or umpire's gear
h	5.06(c)(8)	Legal pitch touches runner attempting to score
5.10	5.12(b)	Umpire calls "time" when
a	5.12(b)(1)	Weather or darkness make play impossible
b	5.12(b)(2)	Light failure
c	5.12(b)(3)	Accident incapacitates player
d	5.12(b)(4)	Manager requests time
e	5.12(b)(5)	Umpire wishes to examine the ball
f	5.12(b)(6)	When fielder, after catch, falls into DBT
g	5.12(b)(7)	When umpire orders persons removed from the field
h	5.12(b)(8)	With exceptions, umpire must not call "time" while play in progress
5.11	5.12	Umpire calls "play"

<b>Rule 6</b>		<b>The Batter</b>
6.01	5.04(a)	Batting order
6.02	5.04(b)	Entering and staying in batting box
6.02(c)	5.04(b)(3)	Batter refuses to take position in batter's box
6.02(d)	5.04(b)(4)	Batter's box rule (new speed-up rule)
6.03	5.04(b)(5)	Legal position in batter's box
6.04	5.04(c)	Completing time at bat
6.05	5.09	Batter is out when
a	5.09(a)(1)	Caught fly ball
b	5.09(a)(2)	Third strike legally caught
c	5.09(a)(3)	Third strike not caught, but 1st base occupied
d	5.09(a)(4)	Bunts foul on third strike
e	5.09(a)(5)	Infield fly declared
f	5.09(a)(6)	Touched by pitch while swinging at third strike
g	5.09(a)(7)	Fair ball touches batter-runner before touching fielder (interference)
h	5.09(a)(8)	Bat hits ball second time in fair territory
i	5.09(a)(9)	Intentionally deflects ball over foul territory
j	5.09(a)(10)	First base tagged before runner reaches first
k	5.09(a)(11)	Running lane violation
l	5.09(a)(12)	Intentionally dropped fair fly ball
m	5.09(a)(13)	Preceding runner intentionally interferes with fielder
n	5.09(a)(14)	Runner stealing home with 2 outs, 2 strikes
o	5.09(a)(15)	Member of offensive hinders fielder
6.06	6.03(a)	Batter out for illegal action when
a	6.03(a)(1)	Illegally batted ball
b	6.03(a)(2)	Switches batter's boxes when pitcher is ready
c	6.03(a)(3)	Hinders catcher (batter interference)
d	6.03(a)(4)	Use of illegal or altered bat
6.07	6.03(b)	Batting out of order
6.08	5.05(b)	Batter is awarded first base when
a	5.05(b)(1)	Ball four
b	5.05(b)(2)	Hit by pitch
c	5.05(b)(3)	Impeded by catcher or fielder (interference)
d	5.05(b)(4)	Interference with fair batted ball
6.09	5.05(a)	Batter becomes a runner or awarded bases when
a	5.05(a)(1)	Hits a fair ball and reaches base
b	5.05(a)(2)	Third strike not caught and reaches base
[2.o "ball"]	5.05(a)(3)	Pitch that bounces then enters the strike zone is a ball
c	5.05(a)(4)	Fair ball touches umpire or runner after passing fielder
d	5.05(a)(5)	Ball over fence in fair territory (home run)
e	5.05(a)(6)	Bounding fair ball over fence (ground-rule double)
f	5.05(a)(7)	Ball lodges "fence, scoreboard, shrubbery or vines"
g	5.05(a)(8)	Bounding ball deflected by fielder into stands
h	5.05(a)(9)	Fair fly ball deflected into stands.
6.10	5.11	Designated hitter rule (DH)
<b>Rule 7</b>		<b>The Runner</b>
7.01	5.06(a)(1)	Runner is entitled to a base
7.02	5.06(b)(1)	Runner advancing/returning must touch bases in order

7.03	5.06(a)(2)	Two runners on same base
7.04	5.06(b)(3)	Runner awarded one base when
a	5.06(b)(3)(A)	Balk
b	5.06(b)(3)(B)	When forced by batter's base award
c	5.06(b)(3)(C)	After catch, fielder falls in dead-ball territory
d	5.06(b)(3)(D)	Batter's interference occurs while runner is attempting to steal
e	5.06(b)(3)(E)	Deliberate touch of pitched ball with clothing or gear
7.05	5.06(b)(4)	Multiple-base awards
a	5.06(b)(4)(A)	Four: home run
b	5.06(b)(4)(B)	Three: touches batted ball with detached clothing or gear (live ball)
c	5.06(b)(4)(C)	Three: fair ball touched by thrown glove (live ball)
d	5.06(b)(4)(D)	Two: deliberately touched thrown ball with detached clothing or gear (live ball)
e	5.06(b)(4)(E)	Two: deliberately throws glove and touches thrown ball (live ball)
f	5.06(b)(4)(F)	Two: fair ball deflected out of play into DBT
g	5.06(b)(4)(G)	Two: thrown ball goes out of play into DBT
h	5.06(b)(4)(H)	One: pitched ball or thrown by pitcher from plate goes to DBT
i	5.06(b)(4)(I)	One: if pitch lodges on ball four/strike three
j	n/a	One: Fielder touches a pitched ball with detached clothing
7.06	6.01(h)	Obstruction
a	6.01(h)(1)	Type A obstruction
b	6.01(h)(2)	Type B obstruction
7.07	6.01(g)	R3 stealing home or squeeze play, batter's interference (balk, award)
7.08	5.09(b)	Runner is out when
a-1	5.09(b)(1)	Runs out of base path to avoid tag
a-2	5.09(b)(2)	Abandonment, after reaching first
b	5.09(b)(3)	Intentionally interferes with thrown ball or hinders fielder
c	5.09(b)(4)	Tagged while off base (except overrunning first)
d	5.09(b)(5)	Fails to tag up (appeal)
e	5.09(b)(6)	Next base tagged when runner is forced
f	5.09(b)(7)	Touched by batted ball in fair territory (interference)
g	5.09(b)(8)	When attempting to score, batter interferes at home (fewer than two outs)
h	5.09(b)(9)	Runner passes preceding runner
i	5.09(b)(10)	Run bases in reverse to make travesty of the game
j	5.09(b)(11)	Fails to return immediately to first after overrunning and runner or base is tagged
k	5.09(b)(12)	Fails to touch home and makes no effort to return and runner or home is tagged
l	5.09(b)(13)	Member of team hinders fielder's attempt to make a play on runner
7.09	6.01(a)	Interference when a€
a	6.01(a)(1)	Batter hinders catcher after third strike
b	6.01(a)(2)	Intentionally deflects course of foul ball
c	6.01(a)(3)	Batter hinders fielder on play at plate (fewer than two outs)
d	6.01(a)(4)	Offensive team tries to confuse or hinder fielders
e	6.01(a)(5)	Runner who has scored or been put out hinders play on following runner
f	6.01(a)(6)	Runner interferes with attempt to complete double play
g	6.01(a)(7)	Batter-runner interferes with attempt to complete double play
h	6.01(a)(8)	Coach's interference
i	6.01(a)(9)	With R3, coach tries to draw throw
j	6.01(a)(10)	Runner fails to avoid fielder on batted ball, intentionally interferes on thrown ball
k	6.01(a)(11)	Fair ball touches runner; runner deliberately kicks deflected batted ball

7.10	5.09(c)	Appeal plays
a	5.09(c)(1)	Runner fails to tag up
b	5.09(c)(2)	Runner fails to touch a base in order
c	5.09(c)(3)	Overruns first and fails to return immediately
d	5.09(c)(4)	Fails to touch home and makes no attempt to return
7.11	6.01(b)	Players must vacate area where defensive play is developing
7.12	5.09(d)	Following runner not affected by appeal of preceding runner (unless 2 outs)
7.13	6.01(i)	Collisions at home plate (new rule 2014)
<b>Rule 8 The Pitcher</b>		
8.01	5.07(a)	Legal pitching positions
a	5.07(a)(1)	Windup position
b	5.07(a)(2)	Set position
c	5.07(d)	May step and throw to base
d	6.02(b)	Illegal pitch (bases unoccupied) = ball to batter
e	5.07(e)	Pitcher legally disengages and becomes a fielder
f	5.07(f)	Ambidexterous pitcher rule
8.02	6.02(c)	The pitcher shall not
a-1	6.02(c)(1)	Alter the ball, touch mouth while engaged, must wipe fingers
a-2	6.02(c)(2)	Spit on ball, glove or hand
a-3	6.02(c)(3)	Rub ball on glove, person, clothing
a-4	6.02(c)(4)	Apply foreign substance to ball
a-5	6.02(c)(5)	Deface the ball
a-6	6.02(c)(6)	Deliver altered ball
b	6.02(c)(7)	Be in possession of "foreign substance"
c	6.02(c)(8)	Intentionally delay the game by throwing the ball around
d	6.02(c)(9)	Intentionally pitch at the batter
8.03	5.07(b)	Warmup pitches
8.04	5.07(c)	Time limits for pitches (no runners on)
8.05	6.02(a)	Balk rule
a	6.02(a)(1)	Motion associated with pitching motion commits pitcher to deliver
b	6.02(a)(2)	While engaged, feints to first or third and fails to throw
c	6.02(a)(3)	While engaged, fails to step (distance and direction) on throw to a base
d	6.02(a)(4)	While engaged, throws or feints to unoccupied base, except to make play
e	6.02(a)(5)	Makes illegal pitch (quick pitch, e.g.)
f	6.02(a)(6)	Delivers pitch not facing batter
g	6.02(a)(7)	Motion associated with pitching motion, but not engaged
h	6.02(a)(8)	Unnecessarily delays the game
i	6.02(a)(9)	On or astride plate without the ball; feints pitch while not engaged
j	6.02(a)(10)	After coming to legal pitching position, removes hand from ball
k	6.02(a)(11)	While engaged, drops the ball
l	6.02(a)(12)	During intentional BB, pitches while catcher not in catcher's box
m	6.02(a)(13)	In Set position, fails to come to complete stop before delivering
8.06	5.07(8.06)	Visits to the mound
<b>Rule 9 The Umpire</b>		
9.01	8.01	Umpire's qualifications and authority
9.02	8.02	Appeal of umpire decisions
a	8.02(a)	No one may dispute judgment call
b	8.02(b)	Appeal umpire decision that may be in conflict with rules

c	8.02(c)	Handline appeal of decision that may be in conflict with rules
d	8.02(d)	No umpire may be replaced during game except when ill or injured
	8.02(e)	One umpire is "umpire-in-chief"; the other(s) is/are field umpires
9.03(a)(b)		If only one umpire; If two or more umpires
9.04	8.03	Umpire roles
a	8.03(a)	Plate umpire (UIC)
b	8.03(b)	Base umpire(s)
c	8.03(c)	Handling conflicting calls on same play
9.05	8.04	Reporting incidents and ejections
Supplement	Supplement	General Instructions to Umpires
<b>Rule 10</b>	<b>Rule 9.0</b>	<b>Scorekeeping</b>