

Major League Baseball Rule changes

Note: Rule changes are underlined in the Official Baseball Rules section, in the 2015 Baseball Canada printed rule book.

- Amended Rule 3.06 Comment regarding substitutions and double-switches.
- Amended Rule 4.05 Comment regarding base coaches touching runners on base.
- Amended Rule 6.02(b) Comment to nullify a balk caused by “inadvertent” actions by the batter. (Batter is no longer limited to stepping out of the batter’s box in order for the balk to be nullified.)
- Amended Rule 6.10(b)(10) to allow the game pitcher to pinch run only for the Designated Hitter.
- Added Experimental Rule 7.13 regarding collisions at home plate. **(DOES NOT APPLY TO Baseball Canada rulebook; rule already outlined in Canadian Content, cc 4.)**
- Added Rule 8.02(b) Comment prohibiting pitchers from attaching anything to either hand, finger, or wrist.
- Added Rule 8.05(d) Comment regarding the pitcher throwing to an unoccupied base when a runner, in the umpire’s judgment, creates the impression he is attempting to advance to that base.
- Amended Rule 8.06 Comment to allow the manager or coach to leave the 18-foot circle without terminating a trip when the manager or coach does so temporarily to give the umpire a lineup change.
- Amended Rule 9.02(c) Comment regarding how long the defense has to request a check-swing appeal, and, in particular, how long on a check-swing appeal that ends a half-inning.

In addition, revisions have been made to the Index.