



SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL SCORING RULES CHANGES

(Effective for the 2007 season)

(references are to rules as drafted in the new text of Rule 10)

- I. Ordinary effort
 - Defined the term and explained with new Comment. (Rule 2.00)
 - Replaced “perfect play” phrasing with “ordinary effort” in rule on sacrifice bunts. (Rule 10.08(b))
- II. Defensive indifference on stolen base attempts
 - Added new Comment to instruct the official scorer to consider the totality of the circumstances of the game in determining “defensive indifference.” (Rule 10.07(g) Comment)
- III. Effectiveness of relief pitchers in determining winning pitcher
 - Added new Comment to provide guidance on choosing “most effective” relief pitcher. (Rule 10.17(b) Comment)
 - Added new Comment to provide guidance on “ineffective and brief” appearance by a relief pitcher. (Rule 10.17(c) Comment)
- IV. Saves
 - Added requirement that relief pitcher must be credited with at least $\frac{1}{3}$ of an inning pitched. (Rule 10.19(c))
 - Eliminated requirement of “effectiveness” if relief pitcher pitches three or more innings in finishing game. (Rule 10.19(d)(3))
- V. Earned runs
 - Corrected parenthetical to “exclude” catcher’s interference, not “include” it. (Rule 10.16)
 - Incorporated existing interpretation of treatment of catcher’s interference into Comment. (Rule 10.16(a))
- VI. Determining value of base hit on game-ending play (Rule 10.06(f) Comment)

VII. Review of a scorer's call (Rule 10.01)

- By scorer
 - Added suspended game to 24-hour review period (should not change call from first portion of game after conclusion of second portion of game at a later date)
- By Club or player requesting review
 - 24-hour time limit to request league review
 - Time limit (two business days from request for review) to submit evidence (videotapes, etc.) to league to support request for review
 - League empowered to order a reversal, even if official scorer does not wish to change the call. (Rules 10.01(a) and 10.01(b)(1))
 - League discretion to charge administrative fee for unsuccessful appeal

VIII. Wild pitch and passed ball

- Should not be charged if defensive team makes an out before runners advance. (Rule 10.13 Comment)

IX. New examples in Rule Comments

- Errors, in regard to "mechanical misplays" and "mental mistakes." (Rule 10.12(a)(1) Comment)
- Error, for accurate throw that caroms off a base. (Rule 10.12(a)(6) Comment)
- Earned runs. (Rule 10.16(a) Comment)
- Adding plate-appearances to determine individual batting championship. (Rule 10.22(a))
- Pitchers qualifying for individual pitching championships. (Rule 10.22(b))
- Batter not charged with grounding into double play if batter is called out due to interference by preceding runner. (Rule 10.02(a)(17) Comment)
- Caught stealing, not charged if batter would not have earned a stolen base if safe. (Rule 10.07(h))
- Crediting games played. (Rule 10.20 Comment)

- X. Qualification for individual statistical championships
- Added on-base percentage to batting and slugging in minimum-plate-appearance rule. (Rule 10.22(a))
 - Added 2.7-plate-appearances-per-game concept in NA leagues to the rule. (It had been only in a Comment.) (Rule 10.22(a))
 - Addressed fractions of innings in minimum pitcher innings. (For example, 161 $\frac{2}{3}$ IP is insufficient to qualify for Major League ERA title; how fractions should be treated for eligibility for NA League ERA title.) (Rule 10.22(b) Comment)
- XI. Appeal plays
- Added Comment to cover pitcher's fractions of an inning on a successful appeal play. (Rule 10.02(c)(1) Comment)
 - Added new Comment to cover putout on an appeal play. (Rule 10.09(a)(2) Comment)
 - Added new Comment to cover assists on appeal play. (Rule 10.10(a)(1) Comment)
- XII. Official scorer general duties
- Changed filing time of official scorer report from 36 hours to "as soon as practicable" after game. (Rule 1.01(a))
 - Added new Comment in regard to coordination between official scorer and league statistician. (Rule 10.01(a) Comment)
 - Added recording of lineups and players removed from a game to the list of items the official scorer must note in the event of a protested or suspended game. (Rule 1.01(b)(3))
 - Re-classified grounding into double plays and caught stealing as items to be listed in statistical summary and not to name individual players. (Rules 10.02(a)(17) and 10.02(a)(18) and current Rules 10.02(i) and 10.02(j))
 - Added to time-of-game calculation rule, along with new comment. (Rules 10.02(l) and 10.02(l) Comment)
 - Added attendance to score report. (Rule 10.02(m))
- XIII. Format, style usage and clarity
- Collapsed and re-organized certain rules (particularly the winning-losing pitcher rule) and added some cross-references.
 - Added items to index.

XIV. Miscellaneous

- Added general definitions of RBI (Rule 10.04), Base hit (Rule 10.05), Putout (Rule 10.09), Assist (Rule 10.10), Error (Rule 10.12), Passed ball (Rule 10.13), Chances (Rule 10.21(d)).
- Official scorer duties apply to postseason and All-Star Games (Rule 10.10)
- Added new 10.03(e) Comment to address “official” 9-0 score of a forfeit.
- Added concept of tagging a base (after catching a batted or thrown ball) to current Rule 10.10. (proposed Rule 10.09(a)(2))
- Emphasized that fractions of an inning are counted for a pitcher in determining ERA. (Rule 10.21(e))
- Added obstruction to the list of events that preserves a consecutive-game hitting streak. (Rule 10.23(a))
- Automatic putout for catcher if runner refuses to advance home should not be limited to winning run. (Rule 10.09(b)(8))